

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SUBJECT: Golf Cart Crossing for Buenos Aires Blvd - review (BOCC option)

REQUESTED ACTION: BOCC provide guidance and adjustments to implemented plans

☒ Work Session (Report Only) **DATE OF MEETING:** 1/18/2011
☐ Regular Meeting ☐ Special Meeting

CONTRACT: ☒ N/A

Effective Date: _____

Managing Division / Dept: _____

Vendor/Entity: _____

Termination Date: _____

BUDGET IMPACT: \$25,000

☒ Annual
☐ Capital
☐ N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

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EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:

103-5300 Road Materials and Supplies

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

On October 26, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners approved Course of Action 4, to create a safe avenue for golf carts to cross El Camino and access the businesses on the NW side of Buenos Aires Blvd. The Public Works Department hired a consulting engineering firm to prepare the design and plans per the approved resolution 2010-49, and installed the signs per those plans on November 24, 2010. In doing so, four issues have surfaced the Commissioners may need to address. Issues 1, 2 and 3 were raised at the December 14, 2010 BOCC meeting with direction to discuss and resolve them during the workshop in January 18, 2011:

Issues:

1. Per the approved plans, re-posting of signs on the SE side of Buenos Aires Blvd that stop golf carts from crossing from the parking lots on that side to the NW side of Buenos Aires, since safe access is provided under the new plan by crossing El Camino Real with the light.
2. Lack of access for gas engine carts to the gas station on the corner of Buenos Aires and US 27/441 that occurred with the implementation of the approved plans, as that parking area is cut off from the rest of the interior parking area on the NW side.
3. The number of new signs in the approved plans and the cost to install them on permanent Village Standard poles, estimated at \$25,000..
4. Approval authority for the Villages to create new golf cart paths on/across County roads during construction as part of their approved DO and DRI, without BOCC approval per the Florida statutes.

DISCUSSION:

Below is a list of events and meetings starting from the oldest to current, related to the topic of Golf Carts accessing the businesses on the northwest side of Buenos Aires Boulevard.

- 16 May 2006 BOCC Meeting Commissioner Hoffman discussed the possibility of considering an ordinance to allow golf carts to cross El Camino Real at Buenos Aires Blvd.
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- 20 June 2006 BOCC tabled the Golf Cart Crossing for Buenos Aires Blvd.
- 10 July 2007 BOCC approved removing signs prohibiting golf carts along Buenos Aires
- 11 July 2007 County Administration Letter to Villages requesting sign removal.
- 24 July 2007 BOCC received letters from citizens requesting access to the Medical Offices along Buenos Aires Blvd..
- 17 August 2007 BOCC received Memoranda from residents requesting golf cart access to medical offices along Buenos Aires Blvd.
- 28 September 2010 BOCC Meeting to discuss golf cart access options and direction to explore option 4 in more detail, and to contact the developer and the developer's engineer for their input.
- 5 October 2010 Discussed Golf Cart Cross concepts with representatives of the Villages.
- 7 October 2010 Met with Villages golf cart consultant's KHA
- 19 October 2010 Kimley-Horn & Associates provided Cart Access Memorandum, listing Pros-Cons.
- 26 October 2010 BOCC Approved COA #4.
- 29 October 2010 Purchase Order issued to Volkert Engineering to design and create signed and sealed plans for safe golf cart access to the businesses on the NW side of Buenos Aires Blvd, via crossing El Camino Real. (\$11,500)
- 15 November 2010 Final Golf Cart Access plans submitted by Volkert Engineering
- 24 November, 2010 Public Works installed the signs on temporary poles per Volkert 's plans.
- 14 December, 2010 Commissioner Hoffman raised the issue of the new signs, and the resultant restrictions to the gas station on the corner of Buenos Aires and US 27/441.
- * 17 December, 2010 Quote for decorative poles (per Villages Construction Standards) equals \$21,560.00. Additional Public Works materials, labor and equipment cost will bring the total to \$25,000.

Attachments:

- a. BOCC Agenda item and minutes from July 7, 2007 to remove existing golf cart prohibition signage along the south side of Buenos Aires.
 - b. BOCC Agenda item from September 28, 2010, Subject: Buenos Aires Boulevard Golf Cart Access
 - c. BOCC Agenda item from October 26, 2010, Subject: Golf Cart Access NW Side of Buenos Aires Blvd.
 - d. Florida Statute 316.212 Operation of Golf Carts on Certain Roadways.
 - e. Florida Statute 316.2125 Operation of Golf Carts within a Retirement Community.
 - f. The Villages DO/DRI Golf Cart route language.
 - g. Approved Plan submittal from Volkert.
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Commissioner Hoffman moved, with a second by Commissioner Mask, to approve Option 3 "The canal cleaning described in the original agreement as Amended PLUS the 13 canals approved by the Board April 24, 2007 PLUS the additional attainable footage presented in Attachment 2. Funding Shortfall of (\$433,461) requiring Board's approval of the Budget Amendment", approve the Budget Amendment, and not entertain any further issues on this matter. The motion carried 4-1 with Chairman Francis voting nay. (071007-31)

3. Golf Cart Access request to commercial properties along the north and south side of Buenos Aires Boulevard in The Villages.

Commissioner Hoffman moved, with a second by Commissioner Gilpin, to approve Option 2 "Request the VCDD District 1 to remove the existing cart probation (sic) signage along the south side of Buenos Aires Boulevard." The motion carried unanimously. (071007-32)

4. Designate LSCC-TV to broadcast on an educational channel provided by Bright House Networks.

5. Authorize purchase of two Iteris Video Tracks to replace Peaks at C-466 and CR 103 Intersection and El Camino Real and Botello Avenue. (071007-33)

6. Request to allow for disposal of surplus equipment through invitation to bid process. (071007-34)

7. Set policy for County Maintained "C" Roads south of C-466 in The Villages Districts 5, 6, and 7.

Commissioner Breeden moved, with a second by Commissioner Mask, to table this item until the July 24th meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Roadway Acceptance for The Villages District Community Development District 5. (071007-35)

9. Right-of-Way Maintenance Agreements for Villages Community Development Districts 1, 2, and 3. (071007-36)

10. Village Community Development District Agreement to make modifications to Sumter County Fire Station. (071007-37)

11. Consider options on use of County Property used by Mid-Florida Community Action Agency for Headstart Programs. Staff recommends Option 2, "Transfer eight lots to Kennedy Complex Cooperative, the property holding corporation for Mid-Florida Community Action Agency, for the purpose of providing community programs for citizens of Sumter County. Include a reverter clause where the property will come back to the County if the property is no longer used for community programs." (071007-38)

12. Amend policies regarding waiver of building permit and zoning fees and establish ending date for February 2, 2007 Tornado Damages for waiving. (071007-39)

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**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SUBJECT: Buenos Aires Boulevard Golf Cart Access (Board option).
REQUESTED ACTION: The Board of County Commissioners may elect to implement any of the options for further engineering study and implementation

☐ Work Session (Report Only) **DATE OF MEETING:** September 28, 2010
☒ Regular Meeting ☐ Special Meeting

CONTRACT: ☐ N/A Vendor/Entity: _____
Effective Date: _____ Termination Date: _____
Managing Division / Dept: Public Works / Road and Bridge

BUDGET IMPACT: Varies depending on the option selected by the Board
☒ Annual **FUNDING SOURCE:** County Transportation Trust
☐ Capital **EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:** 103-340-541-4600
☐ N/A

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

The County received a request to provide golf cart access to commercial property along the north side of Buenos Aires Boulevard. Public Works prepared four options for the Board of County Commissioners to consider. Sumter County Ordinance No. 2003-19 and Resolution No. 2003-020A provide the governing authority to allow golf cart travel within specifically designated roadways in the Villages Community.

Existing Conditions:

Buenos Aires Boulevard currently is a 4 lane undivided roadway connecting El Camino Real to US Highway 441/27. A twenty-four hour traffic count was performed over January 21 and January 22, 2010. The vehicle counts were 5,548 southbound and 5,069 northbound for a two way total of 10,617. The paved traveled way is 48 feet wide and type "F" curb and gutter exist along both sides of the roadway. The County maintains Buenos Aires Boulevard which consists of 4 x 12 foot travel lanes and type "F" curb and approximately 4' grass strip. El Camino Real is a 4 lane divided roadway where it intersects Buenos Aires.

Adjacent to the County's right-of-way is a 15' utility easement under separate ownership (Little Sumter Utility Company) and from field reviews contains a large amount of landscape. The intersections of Buenos Aires Boulevard with El Camino Real and US 441/27 are fully signalized. A 60 foot right-of-way exists from El Camino Real northeast to Bella Cruz Drive. A 67 foot right-of-way exists from Bella Cruz Drive northeast to US 441/27 to facilitate the raised median. The posted speed limit is 30 MPH.

Golf Cart Access:

Presently golf cart traffic, by means of tunnel cart traffic under El Camino Real immediately south of Buenos Aires Boulevard, is able to ingress and egress all of the commercial properties south of Buenos Aires Boulevard. Based on field observations and interviews with golf cart drivers accessing businesses on the north side of Buenos Aires Boulevard, the perceived safe crossing is from the rear entrance (truck Delivery) of the Publix shopping center.

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Purpose:

This report has been prepared by Public Works to provide options to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration to facilitate the golf cart traffic north of Buenos Aires Boulevard. Options are listed below along with staff's pros/cons concerning each.

Option 1: *Keep the existing conditions "As Is"*

Pros: No potential increases in tort liability for the County.

Zero cost

Minimizes the co-mingling of licensed motor vehicles with battery operated golf carts on a 4 lane, undivided collector road

Assured access remains available via motorize vehicles.

Cons: Continued citizen complaints

Option 2: *Provide cart path from Publix Shopping Center driveway across Buenos Aires Boulevard (i.e. connect truck entrance with main entrance serving Publix Shopping Center and open an entrance from the medical offices parking to the southwest).*

Pros: Allows golf cart cross access between businesses on the south side of Buenos Aires Boulevard and those on the north side.

Limits time of exposure while co-mingling with automobiles on Buenos Aires

Cons: Must obtain permission from (2) private landowner (Davis Resources, LLC and Cattle Venture) to remove curb, build cart path and install striping and signage replace landscaping and irrigation.

Must obtain permission from Little Sumter Utility company to use 15 ft utility easement.

Must relocate utility boxes to install golf cart path from front parking lot to the crossing

Golf cart crossing adds a conflict point for vehicles traveling Buenos Aires Boulevard.

Estimated cost for the cart path construction and landscape replacement \$35,000.

Estimated cost for the acquisition of land and/or easements \$ 20,000.

Estimated cost to cut curb and build short path to rear entrance \$ 10,000

Option 3: *Install Traffic Signal at intersection of Bella Cruz Drive and Buenos Aires Boulevard to include provisions for golf cart crossing.*

Pros: Allows Buenos Aires Boulevard golf cart crossing under signalized conditions.

Cons: Traffic Signal is too close to US441/27 and would adversely affect the free flow of southbound traffic (potential to back up traffic unto US 441/27).

Crossing adds conflict point for vehicles traveling Buenos Aires Boulevard.

Island in the center of Buenos Aires could restrict sight distance for golf carts crossing from south to north, and north to south.

Estimated Traffic Signal Expenses \$ 150,000.

Estimated Roadway Expenses \$ 75,000.

Option 4: *Modify the existing traffic signal at the intersection of Buenos Aires Boulevard and El Camino Real to allow cart crossing.*

Pros: This option would provide an additional route to cross El Camino Real onto Buenos Aires Boulevard and is similar (but not identical) to other locations in the Villages.

El Camino Real and Buenos Aires Boulevard is already a signalized intersection.

Cons: This option would require purchasing right-of-way or acquiring easements for realignment of the cart pathway at the intersection of El Camino Real and Buenos Aires Boulevard. The cart pathway should include a design to provide stacking separation and sight distance.

This option would comingle the golf carts for the longest distance on Buenos Aires, with speed differential causing potential hazardous conditions.

This option would have battery operated golf carts crossing a major intersection with automobile traffic

Increase in potential tort liability for the County.

Estimated Design costs for sight distance and queuing \$5000

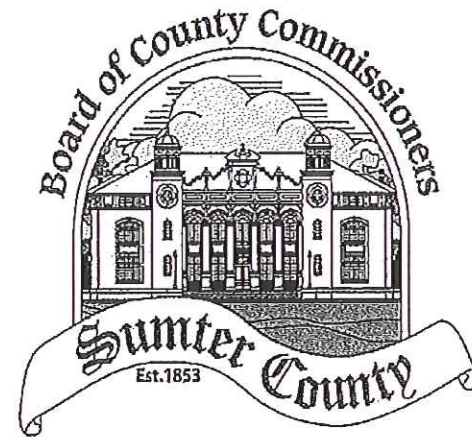
Estimated Costs for realignment of cart pathway \$ 30,000.

Estimated Costs for land and/or easements \$ 5,000.

Estimated Costs for additional signage and marking \$5000

TABLED until October to further explore Option 4 and discuss with developer and developer's engineer
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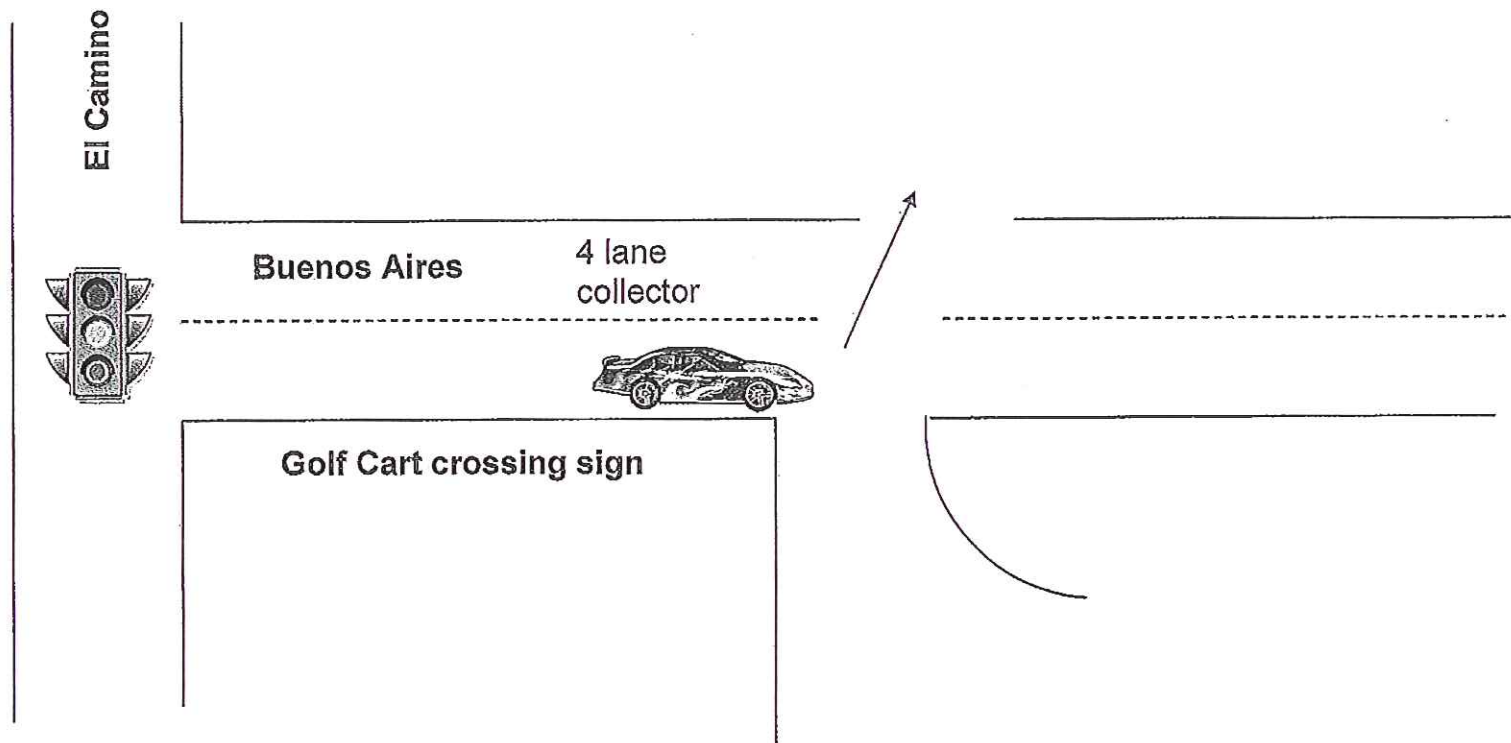
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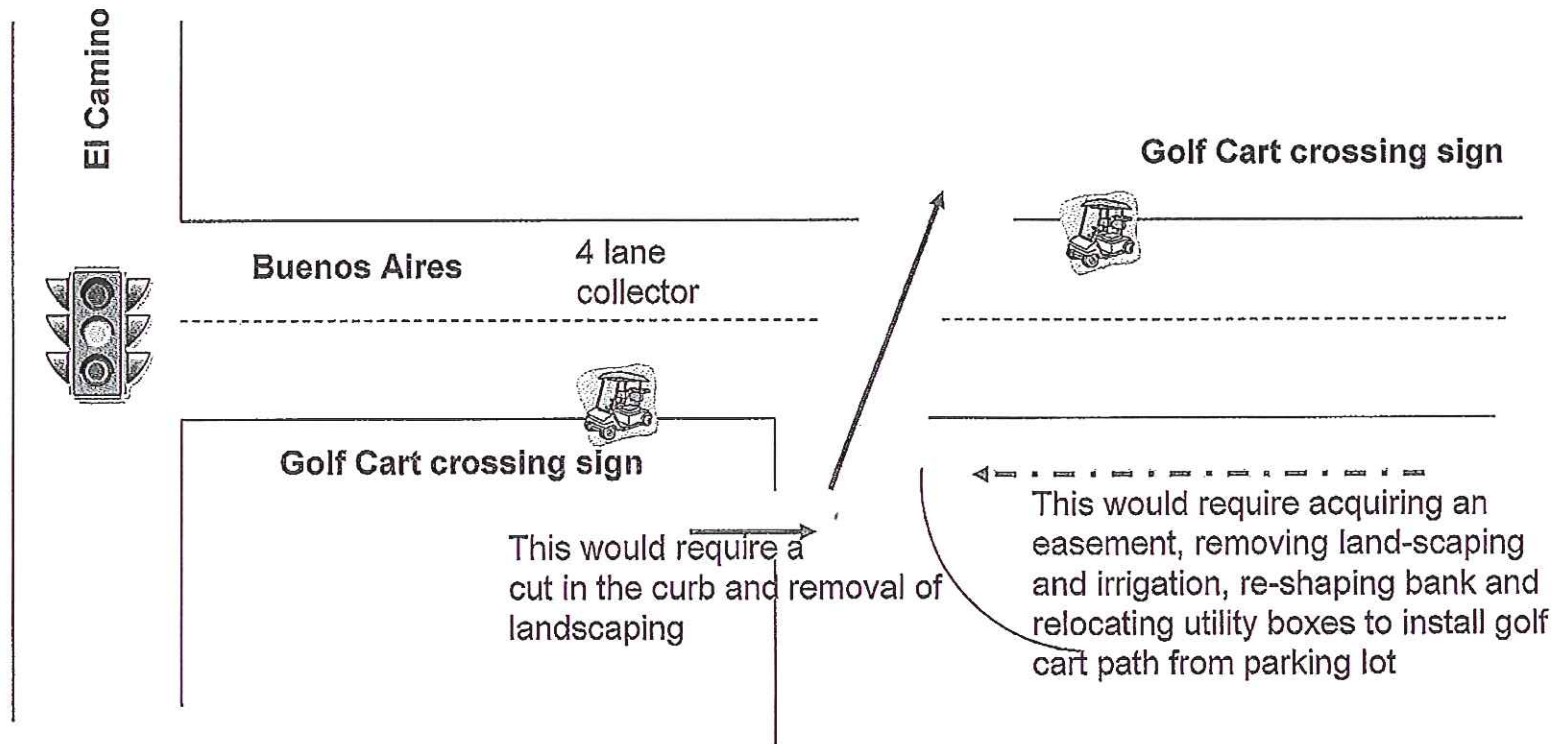
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Golf Cart Access Options

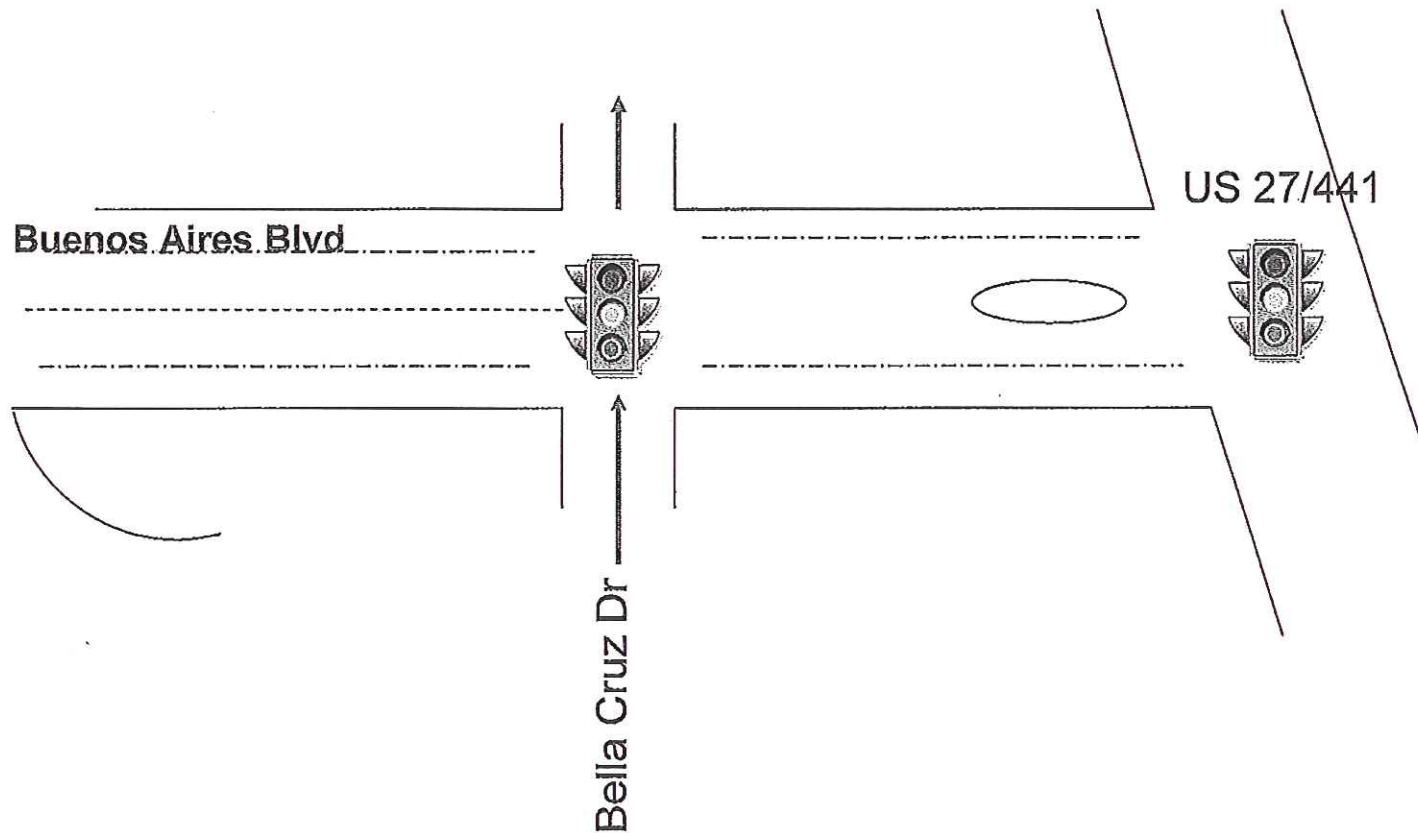
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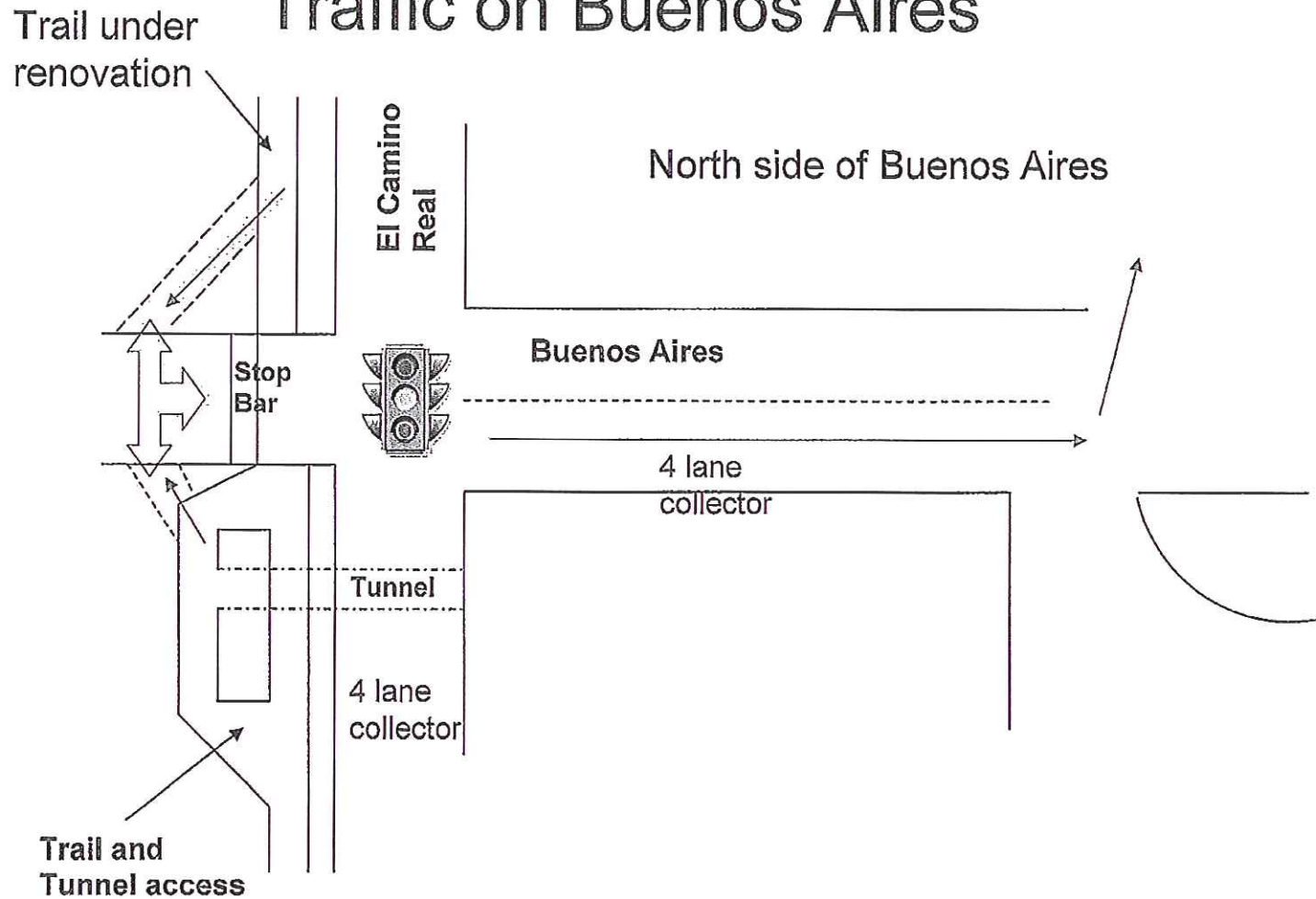
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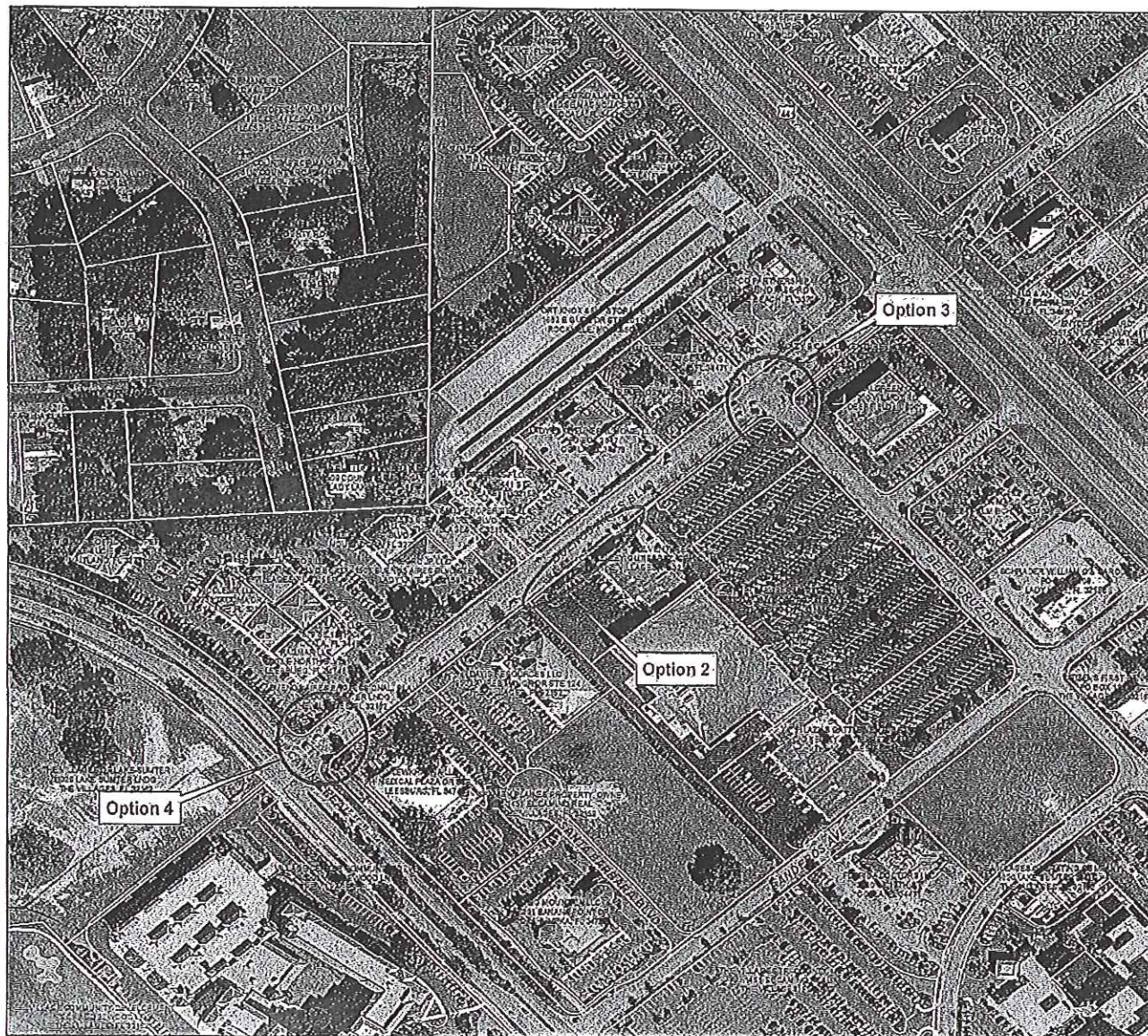


Option 3 – Signalized Crossing West of US 27/441



Option 4 – Cross El Camino Real and Join Traffic on Buenos Aires





Legend

Parcels



Option 1 is the existing conditions remain



1 inch = 200 feet



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Date Prepared: Sept 7, 2010

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SUBJECT: Golf Cart Access NW Side of Buenos Aires Blvd (Staff recommends COA 1a)
REQUESTED ACTION: Board Approval of Course of Action 1a

☐ Work Session (Report Only) **DATE OF MEETING:** October 26, 2010
☒ Regular Meeting ☐ Special Meeting

CONTRACT: X N/A **Vendor/Entity:** _____
Effective Date: _____ **Termination Date:** _____
Managing Division / Dept: Public Works / Road and Bridge

BUDGET IMPACT: Varies depending on the course of action selected by the Board
☒ Annual **FUNDING SOURCE:** County Transportation Trust
☐ Capital **EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:** 103-340-541-4600
☐ N/A

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed 4 options for golf cart access to the NW side of Buenos Aires Blvd during the regular meeting on 28 September. The requested action was for the Board to elect an option for further engineering study and implementation. The direction to the County Administrator and staff was: 1) to more fully develop option 4; 2) to vet the options with The Villages and obtain their recommendation on golf cart access to the subject location, and 3) to ensure staff has done their due diligence with regard to courses of action for golf cart access to the subject location.

Existing Conditions:

Buenos Aires Boulevard is a 4 lane undivided roadway connecting El Camino Real to US Highway 441/27. The most current vehicle counts were 5,548 southbound and 5,069 northbound for a two way total of 10,617. The County maintains Buenos Aires Boulevard which consists of 4 x 12 foot travel lanes and type "T" curb and approximately 4' grass strip. El Camino Real is a 4 lane divided roadway where it intersects Buenos Aires.

The intersections of Buenos Aires Boulevard with El Camino Real and US 441/27 are fully signalized. A 60 foot right-of-way exists from El Camino Real northeast to Bella Cruz Drive. A 67 foot right-of-way exists from Bella Cruz Drive northeast to US 441/27 to facilitate the raised median. The posted speed limit on Buenos Aires is 30 MPH.

Based on MPO data, Buenos Aires Blvd had 23 accidents from the period of 2/9/07 to 12/12/09, along Buenos Aires from Bella Cruz to El Camino, including 3 injury accidents.

Current Golf Cart Access to NW Side of Buenos Aires Blvd:

Presently golf cart traffic is able to ingress and egress all of the commercial properties southeast of Buenos Aires Boulevard by means of tunnel cart traffic under El Camino Real immediately south of Buenos Aires Boulevard. Based on observations and interviews, some golf cart drivers currently access businesses on the northwest side of Buenos Aires Blvd from the rear entrance (truck delivery area) of the Publix shopping center. Most personnel use their automobiles.

The Villages is in the process of renovating the existing the golf cart path on the south side of El

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Camino Real, across the private drive to Freedom Point, and then continuing along the south side of El Camino. Due to restricted right of way, the golf cart path crosses in front on the stop bar for automobiles at this signalized location.

There are two existing golf cart crossing locations in the Villages with elements that are similar to the subject area; the crossing of El Camino Real and Enrique Drive, and the crossing of Morse Blvd at Rio Grande. However, there are notable and significant differences to relate the safety of the golf cart driver and motorist.

El Camino and Enrique (see attached photos):

1. Carts on the El Camino cart path cross behind the stop bar here, versus in front of the stop bar at the location of COA 4. This allows them to merely cross the gated road at Enrique, or cue up to cross El Camino.
2. Carts cross from one low volume residential area to another low volume residential area here, versus COA 4 which would put the cart in the travel lanes with high volume of motorized traffic.

Morse Blvd and Rio Grande (see attached photos):

1. Carts traveling on Rio Grande are directed by sign, to merge left with traffic from a protected cart lane, in order to cross Morse Blvd with the signal. At the location of COA 4, when departing the businesses, carts would turn right and then merge left into the traffic left turn/thru lane near the intersection. In this case, the cart is not in a protected lane prior to merging but moving from one active lane to another active traffic lane.
2. When carts cross Rio Grande, they can enter a protected cart lane easily. At COA 4, to continue east the cart would have to enter the crossing at Freedom Point in front of potential traffic, due to the curb separating the roadway and cart path.
3. If a cart on Rio Grande decides not to turn left onto Morse, they stay in the cart lane and turn right onto the cart path along that side of the Morse. At COA 4, if a cart remains in the right lane by accident, there is no recovery area, and no cart path along that side of El Camino.

A complete list of pros and cons of both courses of action are discussed below.

Additionally, as directed by the Board, staff met with key representatives of The Villages on 5 October and with their current cart path consultant, KHA, on 8 October. The Villages' was represented by Mr. Ron Grant, Vice President, and Mr. Gary Moyer. A summary of The Villages' input is:

1. There is no legal or developmental (DRI) requirement for the Villages to provide golf cart access to the businesses on the NW side of Buenos Aires Blvd. This was confirmed with Planning and Development Division staff.
2. Furthermore, The Villages' representatives stated they informed the initial buyer of each commercial property on the NW side of Buenos Aires that the Villages would not provide them with golf cart access.
3. The Villages' recommendation for golf cart access on the NW side of Buenos Aires is to not provide it. Either continue with option 1 as shown on 28 September, or put the signs back up that restrict golf carts from crossing Buenos Aires at all, i.e., COA 1a.

A summary of discussion with their golf cart path consultant (KHA) is that golf carts are not safe crossing El Camino at the intersection with Buenos Aires, nor on Buenos Aires, in general, as shown in COA 4. (See more detailed comments at the attachment memo).

Purpose:

This report has been prepared for the Board of County Commissioners for consideration as it pertains to golf cart access on the northwest side of Buenos Aires Boulevard. COA's are listed below along with staff's pros/cons concerning each.

COA 1a: *Re-install the signs for no golf cart access*

Pros: Eliminates tort liability – this is the safest COA

Minimal cost for signs

Eliminates co-mingling of licensed motor vehicles with golf carts on a 4 lane divided highway, and with trucks in the delivery area

Assured access remains available via motorized vehicles

Cons: Continued citizen complaints

COA 4: *Modify signage along Buenos Aires Blvd and at the intersection of Buenos Aires Blvd and El Camino Real to allow cart crossing.* (see attached aerial and photos)

Pros: Provides an additional route to cross El Camino Real onto Buenos Aires Boulevard and is similar (but not identical) to other locations in the Villages

Minimal cost for signs

Cons: Would comingle the golf carts in regular traffic lanes for the longest distance on Buenos Aires, a road with a history of accidents, with speed differential causing hazardous conditions.

Could put unlicensed operators, in unlicensed vehicles, in the same traffic lanes as licensed motorized traffic, under conditions that do not exist anywhere else in the Villages.

Carts would be in front of the stop bar (and auto traffic) when preparing to cross El Camino, and would also have to cross the left turn only turn lane in front of auto traffic in order to get in front of the thru lane.

The exit ramp from Freedom Point parking lot feeds directly behind the stop bar at the proposed crossing, a potential conflict with carts trying to U-turn to cue.

No positive control for preventing carts from traveling farther NE along Buenos Aires to other access points

No positive control for preventing carts from turning left when departing the businesses on the NW side of Buenos Aires

When departing the businesses NW of Buenos Aires, carts would have to merge left into an active traffic lane from another active traffic lane, instead of a protected golf cart lane

To continue east, carts returning to cross El Camino would have to enter the cart path at Freedom Pointe in front of potential traffic due to the curb separating the roadway and cart path

When departing the businesses NW of Buenos Aires, if a cart remained in the right lane by accident or design, there is no recovery area and no cart path on that side of El Camino

Increase in potential tort liability for the County.

This COA is the least safe and not recommended by Public Works.

APPROVED

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By a vote of with Chairman
Gilpin and Commissioner
Breedon voting Nay a resolution
authorizing a golf cart crossing at
El Camino Drive and Buenos
Aires Blvd.

RESOLUTION NO 2010- 49

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A GOLF CART
CROSSING AT EL CAMINO DRIVE AND BUENOS AIRES BLVD

WHEREAS, the use of golf carts within the Villages is very popular, is an accepted method of transportation, the Villages has many miles of golf cart paths and tunnels, and such use has proven to be an economical method of transportation, and

WHEREAS, Section 17-3 of the Sumter County Code authorizes the Board to approve the operation of golf carts on County road or streets if authorized by resolution, and

WHEREAS, Section 316-212 (3), Florida Statutes provides that golf carts may be operated on County roads only during the hours between sunrise and sunset unless the government with jurisdiction determines that golf carts may be operated during the hours after sunset and before sunrise so long as the golf carts are equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals and windshields, and

WHEREAS, there has been a request to allow golf carts to cross access the establishments on the west side of Buenos Aires Blvd,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida as follows:

1. This resolution is adopted pursuant to Section 17-3 of the Sumter County Code.
2. The Board has determined that golf carts may operate across the intersection of El Camino Real and Buenos Aires Blvd and on Buenos Aires Blvd to access the establishments on the west side of Buenos Aires Blvd, once necessary signage has been installed and any necessary signal timing modifications have been made.
3. Golf Cart traffic is hereby approved to cross El Camino Real at the intersection with Buenos Aires Blvd, and travel to the establishments on the west side of Buenos Aires Blvd and return.
4. This resolution is subject to the preparation of signed and sealed plans to accommodate safe movement by the golf carts and the automobile traffic using these roads.
5. Violation of this resolution and chapter 17-3 shall be subject to the penalties set forth therein.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 26th day of October, 2010, at The Villages, Sumter County, Florida.

ATTEST: GLORIA HAYWARD



CLERK & AUDITOR

Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:

Doug Gilpin
Chairman

RESOLUTION NO 2010- _____

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- ~~3. The Board has determined that the golf carts may only operate in the area of this resolution during daylight hours.~~
- 4.3. Golf Cart traffic is hereby approved to cross El Camino Real at the intersection with Buenos Aires Blvd, and travel to the establishments on the west side of Buenos Aires Blvd and return.
- 5.4. This resolution is subject to the preparation of signed and sealed plans to accommodate safe movement by the golf carts and the automobile traffic using these roads.
- 6.5. Violation of this resolution and chapter 17-3 shall be subject to the penalties set forth therein.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 26th day of October, 2010, at The Villages, Sumter County, Florida.

ATTEST: GLORIA HAYWARD
CLERK & AUDITOR

BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Doug Gilpin
Chairman



Kimley-Horn
and Associates, Inc.

October 19, 2010

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Suite 101
1321 SE 25th Loop
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Mr. Scott Cottrell, PE
Public Works Director, Sumter County
319 East Anderson Avenue
Bushnell, Florida 33513

Re: *Carl Access Graphical and Memorandum,
KHA Project Number: 142109017*

Dear Mr. Cottrell:

In accordance with our agreement with Sumter County dated October 12, 2010, KHA has prepared the attached graphic of proposed signage locations on Buenos Aires Boulevard in The Villages, Florida. The locations of the signs are in accordance with your sketch transmitted to us on October 12th, with additional comments on October 15th.

As requested, our opinion of the pros and cons associated with the attached plan is as follows.

Pros:

1. The proposed improvements could be constructed in a short time frame at low cost.
2. The proposed improvements do not require the acquisition of additional easements or rights-of-way.

Cons:

The proposed improvements are not safe.

1. The cart movement from the multi-purpose trail on the southwest side of El Camino Real into the travel lanes of the signalized intersection lacks sufficient room for carts to queue at the signal without conflicting with other turning movements at the intersection. Carts would have to merge into vehicular travel lanes in front of the existing stop bar without room to properly align into the travel lanes. Numerous conflicts with other turning movements exist and this movement would be dangerous for all vehicles in the intersection.
2. Once through the intersection of El Camino Real and Buenos Aires Boulevard, carts would need to execute a merge movement to the inside travel lane. While this movement is made in other areas of The Villages, all instances of carts sharing the road with automobiles occur on two lane roadways. A four-lane road introduces weaving maneuvers that can be deadly for cart drivers.

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3. The requirement for cars to turn left at the medical park entrance would leave them unprotected from the rear as they wait for breaks in the oncoming traffic. At this location the cars have entered the commercial areas of the road corridor and there are a high number of driveway ingress and egress maneuvers occurring. Should the cars fail to turn left they will be forced to travel into the heaviest traffic areas of Buenos Aires Boulevard where no provisions for car traffic are provided.
4. Once leaving the medical park, the cars again must complete a merge movement in heavy vehicular traffic. Should the cars fail to make the merge movement before reaching the traffic signal they would be stuck in the right turn lane and would have no choice but to turn right onto El Camino Real, which is not designed for car access.
5. When the cars travel to the southwest through the signalized intersection they would then be forced to turn back onto the multipurpose path in two directions, again ahead of the stop bar. This movement would be made while the light is green, which means a car would need to cross the intersection and then turn sharply onto the path in direct conflict with the other vehicles.
6. The proposed plan ignores the fact that an underground tunnel with safe access to the multipurpose path system already exists beneath El Camino Real. This path provides a protected access trail to Banderas Avenue. Consideration should be given to ways in which cars can be more effectively routed from this location to the medical park on the northeast corner of the intersection.

In summary, our review of the proposed plan concludes that it could jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of the general public. We urge you not to construct this concept as currently proposed.

Sincerely,

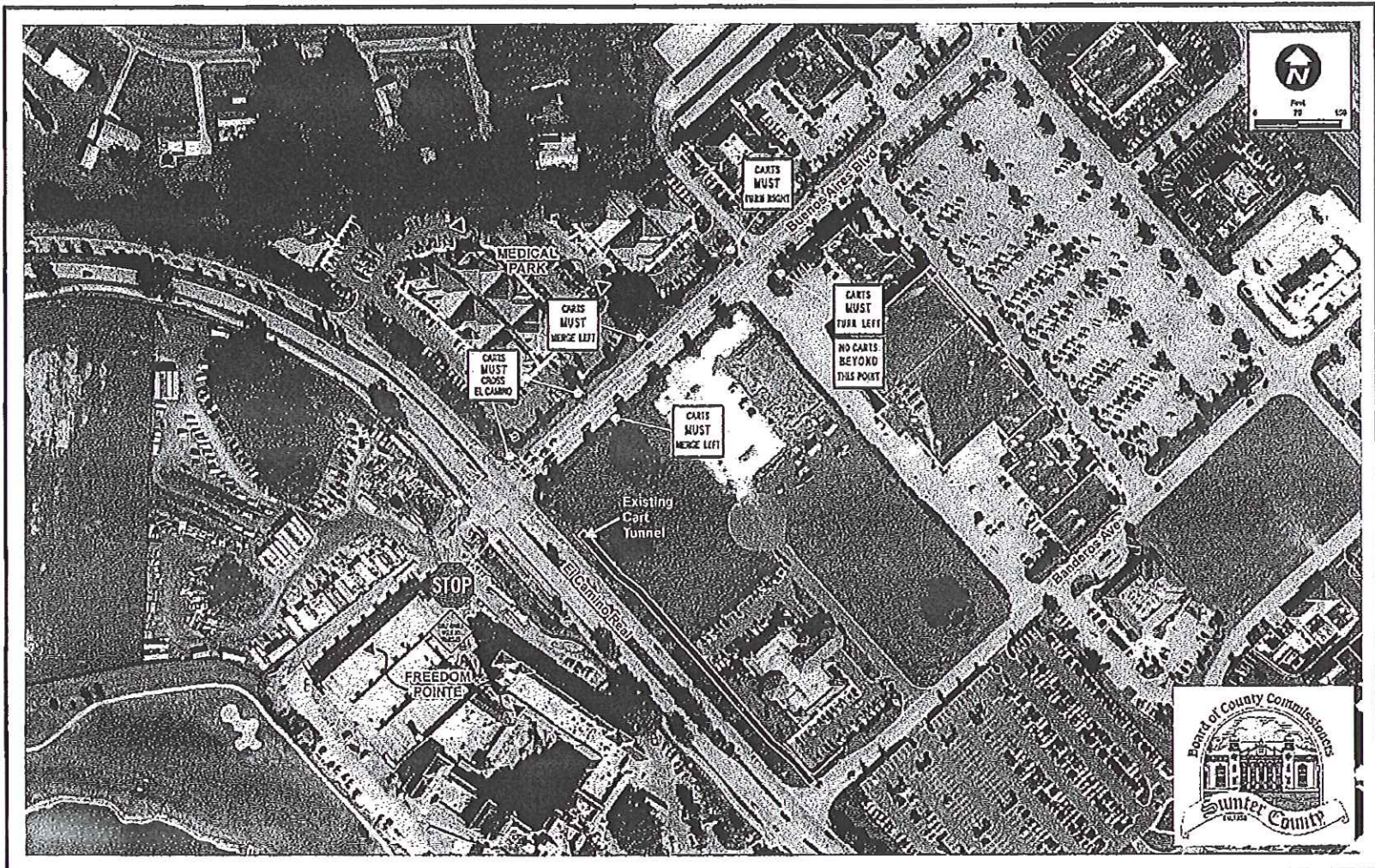
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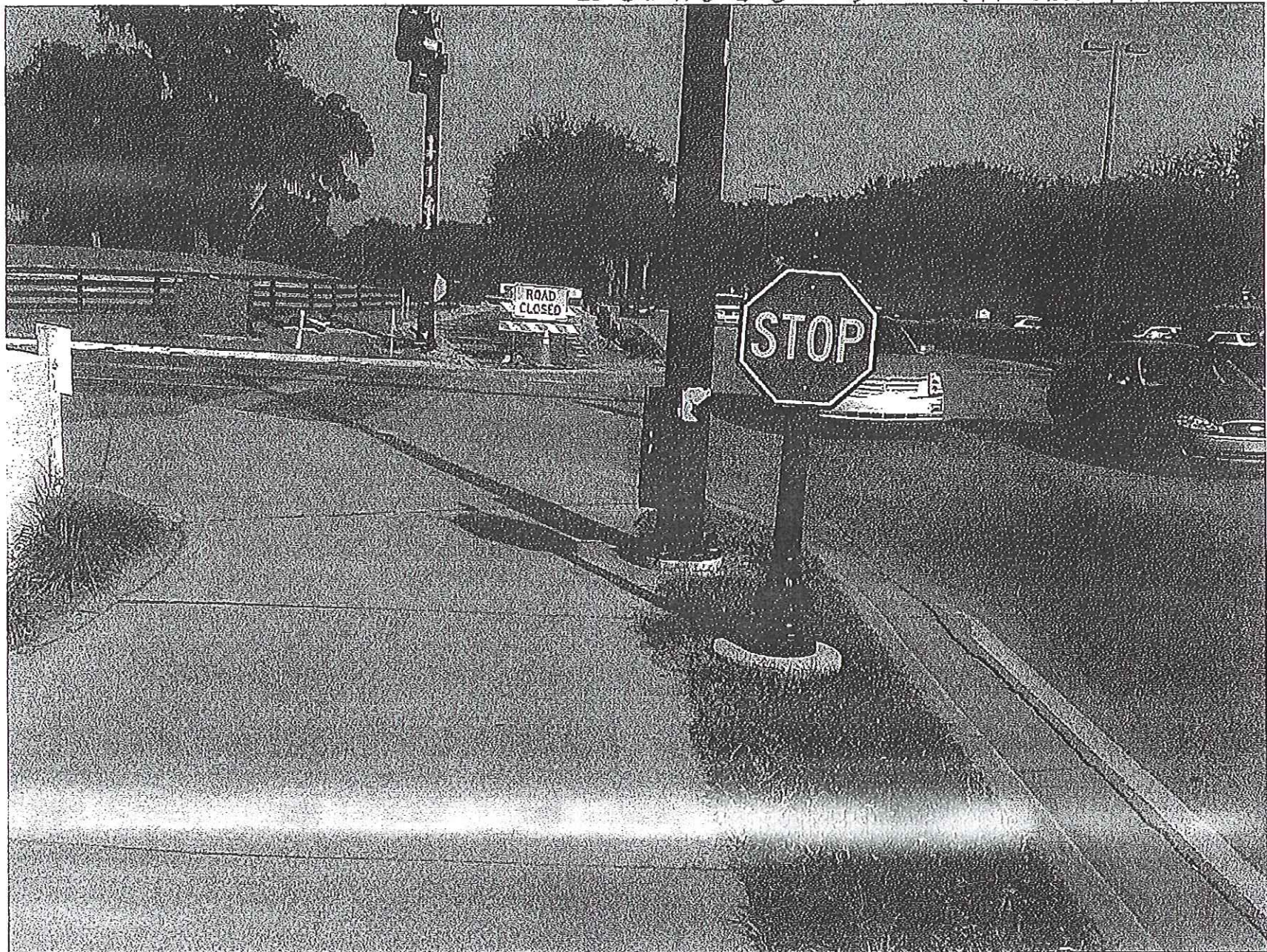
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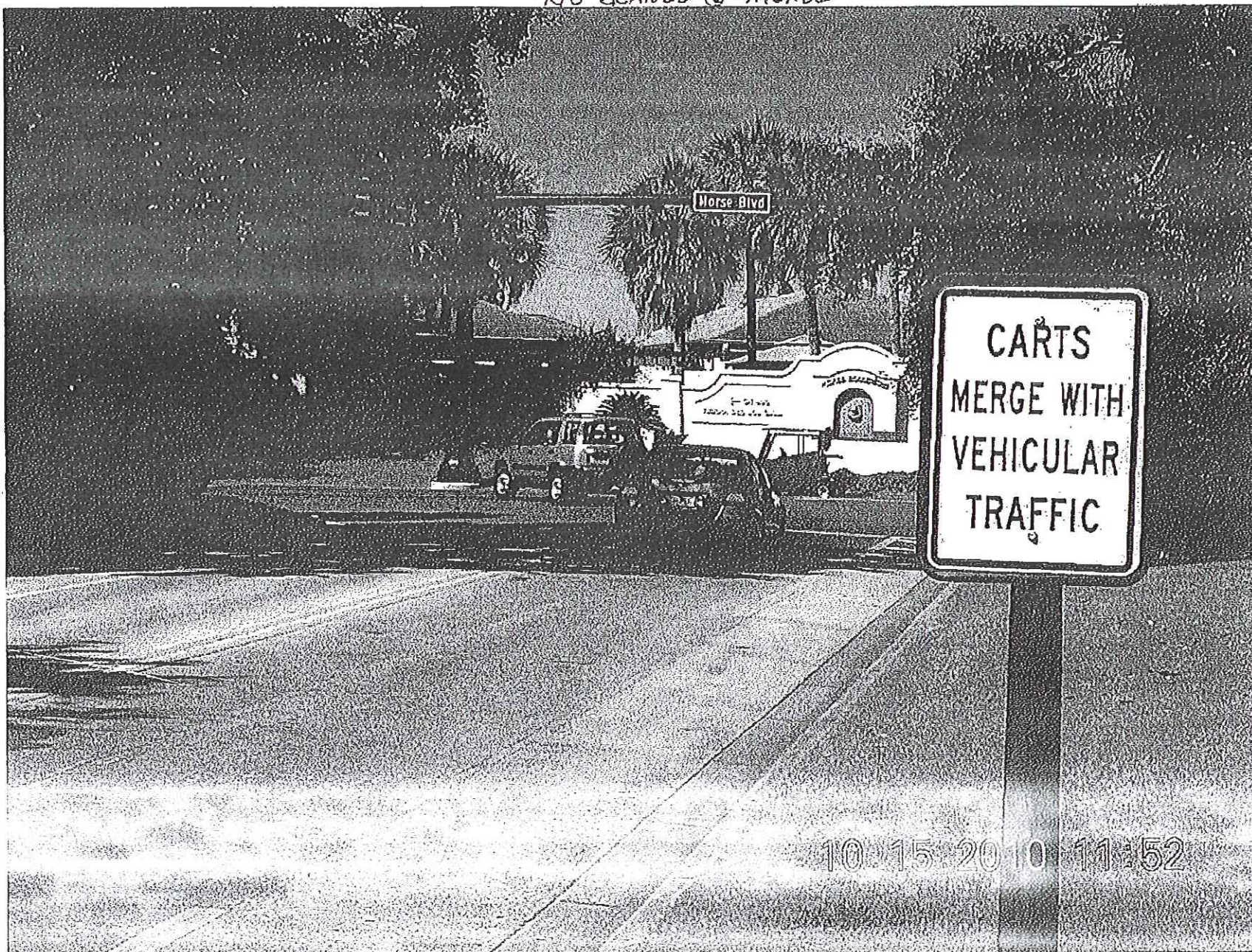


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Buenos Aires Crossing Issue

I appreciate the concern for the safety of Villages residents that some of you have expressed. I share your concern, but if we examine current conditions in other locations within The Villages north of CR 466, I believe our concerns may be at least somewhat unfounded. Let me cite several factual examples currently in place.

1. During our last discussion of this issue, Villages resident Carl Bell pointed out and I reiterate the following: There is only one roundabout existing anywhere in The Villages that includes a separate lane for golf cars and that is the Morse Boulevard roundabout near SR 441/27. To completely traverse that roundabout, a golf car would have to cross 14 lanes of traffic none of which have signs or signals that would allow golf cars to travel without first being assured of safe passage. For instance, in order for me to drive to Freedom Pointe from my home, I must cross ten lanes of traffic including El Camino Real. Freedom Pointe residents wishing to drive to and from Spanish Springs must cross 12 lanes of traffic. This roundabout has been in place longer than the nearly eleven years my wife and I have lived in The Villages and I am not aware of a single serious accident that has occurred during that time.
2. Crossing El Camino Real with a traffic light at the intersection of Enrique Avenue to the south and Botello Avenue to the north was approved by this board four years ago and not a single accident has occurred. It should further be noted that far more golf cars cross at that location than are likely to cross at Buenos Aires.
3. Avenida Central in Lake County which circles most of Spanish Springs is a four-lane boulevard with crossing permitted with a traffic signal at Paige Place, Oak Meadow Lane which leads to Rolling Acres Plaza and contains far more commercial establishments than are located in the smaller Spanish Plains shopping center and at Del Mar Drive where a four-way stop was recently added. Crossing Avenida Central without the aide of a signal or stop sign continues at Vista Lago Place, Alonzo Avenue, Alvarez Avenue and Bichara Boulevard. I am not aware of any serious accidents that have occurred at any of these intersections.
4. Crossing Morse Boulevard between SR 441/27 and CR 466, one of the busiest if not the busiest two-lane road in Sumter County, continues to be permitted at seventeen intersections with only two having a traffic signal and none with stop signs. Village residents appear to cross that road in a safe manner.
5. Golf cars have been permitted to cross Buenos Aires for the past three years and have done so without incident.
6. There is a growing number of "street legal" golf cars in use within The Villages all of which can legally cross at the aforementioned intersections including the intersection under consideration this evening. In addition, they are permitted to be driven on any and all streets within this community with posted speeds of 35mph or less which, of course, includes Buenos Aires, El Camino Real, Buena Vista Boulevard and Morse Boulevard. I refuse to believe that the drivers of these "street legal" golf cars drive more safely than those of us who drive conventional golf cars.
7. Until 2003, golf cars in The Villages were not permitted to be operated after dusk. It was believed to be unsafe to operate golf cars after dark. Following this change by a previous Sumter County Board, there have not been a disproportionate number of accidents involving night time driving.
8. It is currently permissible to cross any street within The Villages on foot, with a bicycle and even with a wheel chair. Do we seriously believe that those residents can cross in a safer manner than a golf car driver?

9. One issue unrelated to public safety that we should consider: If no golf car crossing of Buenos Aires is reinstated, our gasoline tax revenue will be negatively impacted. Gasoline golf car owners who live in the northern area of The Villages will once again be forced to travel to the nearest gas stations available to them – one in Marion County and one in Lake County.
10. One final point: Merely permitting golf cars to cross El Camino Real at Buenos Aires -- which has a smart traffic light -- does NOT require residents to do so. Just like driving golf cars at night, this too would be left to the discretion of individual operators.

Specific Requirements

1. Crossing El Camino Real would be done from the left lane both east and west the same as followed by other vehicles.
2. Striping and signage similar to that currently used on Morse Boulevard would be required to direct golf car drivers to the appropriate lane.
3. The timing of the smart traffic signal allows traffic to travel across El Camino Real in only one direction at a time which adds to the safety of all drivers.

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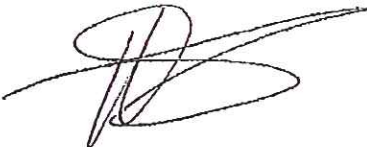
To: Sumter County Commissioners

This letter is in reference to the lack of a designated golf cart access across Buenos Aires Blvd. As a business owner in the Buenos Aires Professional Plaza I see a significant number of local residents accessing my business by golf cart. My concern is in the high volume of auto traffic on that particular road that the golf carts have to dodge. It appears to be a dangerous situation at best.

A designated golf cart crossing would seem to improve the situation in two respects: 1). It would slow traffic down 2). Automobiles would look for golf carts crossing at that particular site rather than the random crossings that now exist.

My patients would like to continue to access my office by golf cart. Please help them to do so in a safe manner.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. Steepy, M.D.

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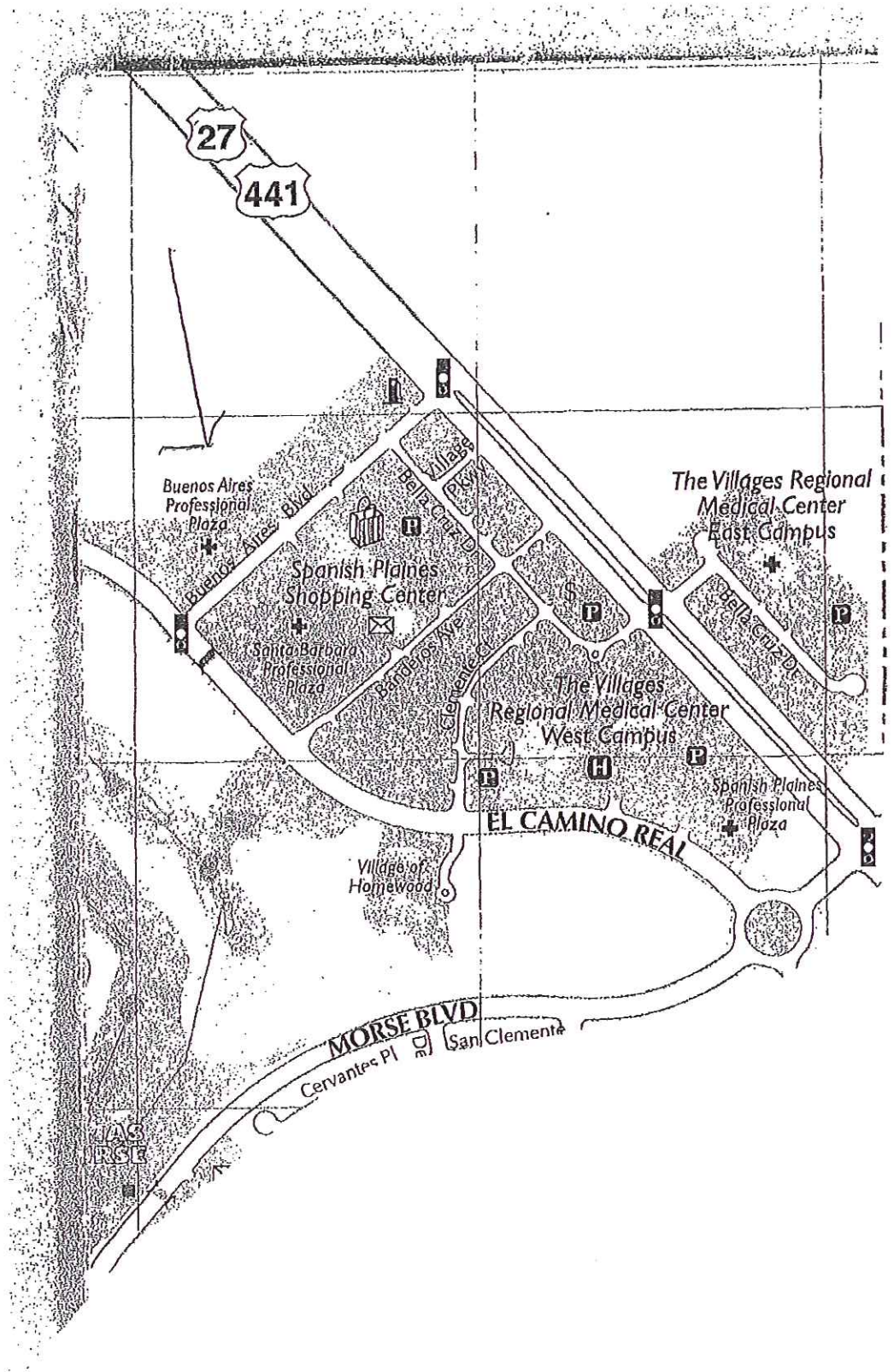
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SUMTER COUNTY DISCUSSES GOLF CART ACCESS TO PLAZA

Board ponders
ambulance
service options

By CURT HILLS
DAILY SUN

BUSHNELL — County commissioners will study whether a golf cart crossing is needed across Buenos Aires Boulevard.

An issue is concern from some golf cart users in accessing the Buenos Aires Professional Plaza and other businesses on the north side of the road.

At their regular board meeting Tuesday evening in Bushnell, commissioners opted to get more information on golf cart conditions there, although the two commissioners from The Villages initially said some type of cart crossing should be considered. However, Chairman Doug Gilpin said it's an area "golf carts should not be crossing," and said further study is needed before reaching any decision.

Residents of nearby Freedom Pointe and other Villages residents have expressed concern over the lack of a designated crossing area that allows them access to the

medical plaza on the road way north side. County Administrator Bradley Arnold said.

"It seems appropriate to me to see if something could be done," Commissioner Dick Hoffman said of the discussion.

"It behooves us to see if we have solutions," Commissioner Don Burgess agreed.

But Gilpin said he's spent time in the area researching the issue, and doesn't see it as a major problem. Commissioner Carry Breeden said adding a crossing "could make the situation worse," without studying the area first.

Currently, golf carts reach the plaza in the midst of normal traffic flow.

Burgess said he didn't want to see the issue dropped without gaining more research, and Gilpin and the other board members agreed additional information should be gathered before making a final decision.

In an unrelated matter, Arnold said the county is at a tentative impasse with Lake County officials on seeking a level of service agreement with Lake-Sumter EMS. Sumter officials want an agreement that features accountability for things such as emergency response times,

but Lake officials are reluctant to make changes to an existing agreement, Arnold said.

Officials with the two counties are expected to meet again today, but Arnold asked county commissioners for permission to prepare other alternatives for emergency ambulance transport in case an agreement can't be reached.

Hoffman sits on the Lake-Sumter EMS advisory board and said past discussions have been heated.

"There was a point in time I thought our agreement might be coming to an end, but cooler heads prevailed as that meeting went on," Hoffman reported.

Saying the county "should always have a plan B," board members endorsed a suggestion by Breeden to explore other options, although continuing negotiations with Lake-Sumter EMS is preferred.

"It makes sense for both parties to continue," Gilpin said of the dual-county ambulance partnership.

Curt Hills is an assistant managing editor with the Daily Sun. He can be reached at 753-1119 or 9319 or chills@thevillagesmedia.com.

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Resident Survey

Residents like getting around by golf cart

By MACKIE McCABE
HOSPITALITY DEPARTMENT

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STAFF REPORT

THE VILLAGES - The safety of golf carts crossing Buenos Aires Boulevard in The Villages caught the attention of all five Sumter County commissioners Tuesday night, but the majority of the board said more study is needed before taking action.

Residents and business owners have expressed concern about golf cart operators trying to access properties on

the north side of Buenos Aires Boulevard. Currently, they use a tunnel to cross El Camino Real to reach the south side of Buenos Aires, but then cross the street in a variety of places to reach those businesses, including a medical plaza.

Although county staff had prepared four options, including establishing a designated crossing zone, the majority of board members want to consult with The Villages developer and engineer before

determining if any changes should be made.

In an unrelated matter, commissioners unanimously approved a special use permit for an adult living facility at wastewater treatment facility on property at the entrance the Oakland Hills subdivision. Proposed near the intersection of County Road 109 and U.S. Highway 27/441, the facility would be built behind an existing medical office, if final approval is granted.

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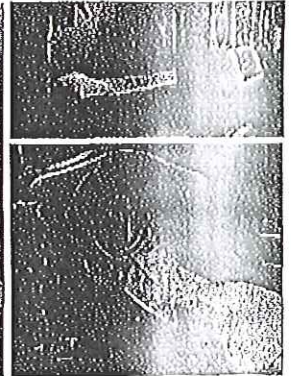
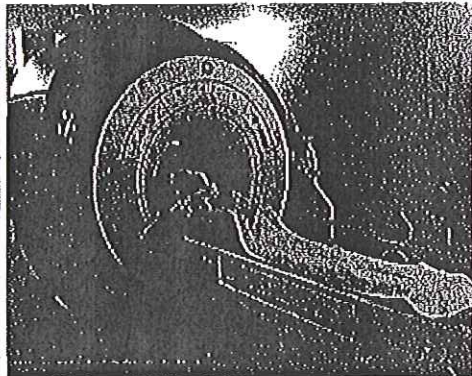
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STATE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL

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316.212 Operation of golf carts on certain roadways.—The operation of a golf cart upon the public roads or streets of this state is prohibited except as provided herein:

(1) A golf cart may be operated only upon a county road that has been designated by a county, or a municipal street that has been designated by a municipality, for use by golf carts. Prior to making such a designation, the responsible local governmental entity must first determine that golf carts may safely travel on or cross the public road or street, considering factors including the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using the road or street. Upon a determination that golf carts may be safely operated on a designated road or street, the responsible governmental entity shall post appropriate signs to indicate that such operation is allowed.

(2) A golf cart may be operated on a part of the State Highway System only under the following conditions:

(a) To cross a portion of the State Highway System which intersects a county road or municipal street that has been designated for use by golf carts if the Department of Transportation has reviewed and approved the location and design of the crossing and any traffic control devices needed for safety purposes.

(b) To cross, at midblock, a part of the State Highway System where a golf course is constructed on both sides of the highway if the Department of Transportation has reviewed and approved the location and design of the crossing and any traffic control devices needed for safety purposes.

(c) A golf cart may be operated on a state road that has been designated for transfer to a local government unit pursuant to s. [335.0415](#) if the Department of Transportation determines that the operation of a golf cart within the right-of-way of the road will not impede the safe and efficient flow of motor vehicular traffic. The department may authorize the operation of golf carts on such a road if:

1. The road is the only available public road along which golf carts may travel or cross or the road provides the safest travel route among alternative routes available; and
2. The speed, volume, and character of motor vehicular traffic using the road is considered in making such a determination.

Upon its determination that golf carts may be operated on a given road, the department shall post appropriate signs on the road to indicate that such operation is allowed.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a golf cart may be operated for the purpose of crossing a street or highway where a single mobile home park is located on both sides of the street or highway and is divided by that street or highway, provided that the governmental entity having original jurisdiction over such street or highway shall review and approve the location of the crossing and require implementation of any traffic controls needed for safety purposes. This subsection shall apply only to residents or guests of the mobile home park. If notice is posted at the entrance and exit of any

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mobile home park where residents of the park operate golf carts or electric vehicles within the confines of the park, it is not necessary for the park to have a gate or other device at the entrance and exit in order for such golf carts or electric vehicles to be lawfully operated in the park.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if authorized by the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection, a golf cart may be operated on a road that is part of the State Park Road System if the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less.

(5) A golf cart may be operated only during the hours between sunrise and sunset, unless the responsible governmental entity has determined that a golf cart may be operated during the hours between sunset and sunrise and the golf cart is equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield.

(6) A golf cart must be equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear.

(7) A golf cart may not be operated on public roads or streets by any person under the age of 14.

(8) A local governmental entity may enact an ordinance relating to:

(a) Golf cart operation and equipment which is more restrictive than those enumerated in this section. Upon enactment of such ordinance, the local governmental entity shall post appropriate signs or otherwise inform the residents that such an ordinance exists and that it will be enforced within the local government's jurisdictional territory. An ordinance referred to in this section must apply only to an unlicensed driver.

(b) Golf cart operation on sidewalks adjacent to specific segments of municipal streets, county roads, or state highways within the jurisdictional territory of the local governmental entity if:

1. The local governmental entity determines, after considering the condition and current use of the sidewalks, the character of the surrounding community, and the locations of authorized golf cart crossings, that golf carts, bicycles, and pedestrians may safely share the sidewalk;

2. The local governmental entity consults with the Department of Transportation before adopting the ordinance;

3. The ordinance restricts golf carts to a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour and permits such use on sidewalks adjacent to state highways only if the sidewalks are at least 8 feet wide;

4. The ordinance requires the golf carts to meet the equipment requirements in subsection (6). However, the ordinance may require additional equipment, including horns or other warning devices required by s. 316.271; and

5. The local governmental entity posts appropriate signs or otherwise informs residents that the ordinance exists and applies to such sidewalks.

(9) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as a moving violation for infractions of subsections (1)-(5) or a local ordinance corresponding thereto and enacted pursuant to subsection (8), or punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as a nonmoving violation for infractions of subsection (6), subsection (7), or a local ordinance corresponding thereto and enacted pursuant to subsection (8).

History.—s. 2, ch. 83-188; s. 1, ch. 84-111; s. 2, ch. 88-253; s. 322, ch. 95-148; s. 4, ch. 96-413; s. 168, ch. 99-248; s. 7, ch. 2000-313; s. 6, ch. 2005-164; s. 3, ch. 2008-98; s. 46, ch. 2010-223.

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316.2125 Operation of golf carts within a retirement community. —

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. [316.212](#), the reasonable operation of a golf cart, equipped and operated as provided in s. [316.212](#) (5), (6), and (7), within any self-contained retirement community is permitted unless prohibited under subsection (2).

(2)(a) A county or municipality may prohibit the operation of golf carts on any street or highway under its jurisdiction if the governing body of the county or municipality determines that such prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.

(b) The Department of Transportation may prohibit the operation of golf carts on any street or highway under its jurisdiction if it determines that such prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.

(3) A local governmental entity may enact an ordinance regarding golf cart operation and equipment which is more restrictive than those enumerated in this section. Upon enactment of any such ordinance, the local governmental entity shall post appropriate signs or otherwise inform the residents that such an ordinance exists and that it shall be enforced within the local government's jurisdictional territory. An ordinance referred to in this section must apply only to an unlicensed driver.

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Scott B. Cottrell, PE
Public Works Director
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**RE: Buenos Aires Offices - Golf Cart Access Plan
Final Signage Plans**

Dear Mr. Cottrell,

Attached please find four signed & sealed copies of the Final Signage Plans for golf cart access to the establishments on the west side of Buenos Aries Boulevard. As requested by Sumter County, the sign plan has been developed to direct golf cart traffic to and from the businesses on the west side Buenos Aries Boulevard via the traffic signal at El Camino Real and Buenos Aires Boulevard. The signage plan reflects the Course of Action 4 (COA 4) that was approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County October 26, 2010 (Resolution No. 2010-49).

At the direction of Sumter County, the sign plan was limited to directing cart traffic along the existing roadways and golf cart paths. The construction of new golf cart paths in the vicinity of the El Camino Real and Buenos Aires Boulevard intersection would improve the overall safety associated with permitting golf carts to access the Buenos Aries Professional Plaza.

Please contact me directly if you need anything further regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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3. TYPE OF SOO USED TO RESTORE WITHIN RIGHT-OF-WAY MUST BE IN KIND AND MAINTAINED.
4. THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR UNCOVERING AND SUPPORTING EXISTING UTILITIES DURING ALL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES.
5. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO SATISFY ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGULATORY AGENCY PERMITS IN REGARD TO CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AND RELATED CONDITIONS.
6. ALL DIMENSIONS SHOWN IN THE PLANS ARE BASED UPON APPROXIMATE FIELD MEASUREMENTS.
7. TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL MAY BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SIGHT DISTANCE, OR AS ORDERED BY THE COUNTY ENGINEER.
8. THE COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PERFORM QUALITY ASSURANCE TESTING ON ALL MATERIALS DELIVERED TO PROJECT AND TO REJECT ALL MATERIALS NOT MEETING ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS.
9. ALL STREET SIGNS AND STREET MARKERS ARE TO REMAIN UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
10. OVERALL CLEAN-UP SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE CONTRACTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNTY AND FOOT STANDARDS OR AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER. ANY AND ALL EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THIS WORK SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE UNIT PRICE BID FOR MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC AND MOBILIZATION.
11. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL ENDEAVOR TO PROTECT PRIVATE PROPERTY. ANY DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE CONTRACTOR IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS WORK SHALL BE CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEER AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE. PAYMENT SHALL NOT BE MADE FOR THIS WORK.
12. ANY DAMAGE TO STATE, COUNTY OR LOCAL ROADS CAUSED BY THE CONTRACTOR'S HAULING OR ELEVATION EQUIPMENT SHALL BE REPAIRED BY THE CONTRACTOR TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEER. PAYMENT SHALL NOT BE MADE FOR THIS WORK.
13. ALL EROSION CONTROL FENCES AND BARRIERS SHALL BE ERECTED PRIOR TO ANY LAND ALTERATIONS, MAINTAINED DURING CONSTRUCTION, AND REMOVED FOLLOWING SOIL STABILIZATION AND FINAL DRESSING.
14. ANY U.S.C. & G.S. MONUMENT WITHIN LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION IS TO BE PROTECTED. IF IN DANGER OF DAMAGE, PROJECT ENGINEER SHOULD NOTIFY:
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL GEODETIC SURVEY
135 EAST WEST HIGHWAY
SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND 20910-2392
PHONE: (301) 713-3242
15. DAYTIME WORK ONLY, THE COUNTY ENGINEER MUST APPROVE NIGHT WORK AND LANE CLOSURES AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE. THE APPLICANT MUST NOTIFY THE SUNTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF STARTING PROPOSED WORK CALL: THE SUNTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
16. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL STOCKPILE ALL SALVAGEABLE MATERIAL PER REQUEST OF THE SUNTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
17. EXISTING UTILITIES ARE TO REMAIN IN PLACE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

18. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY UTILITY OWNERS THROUGH SUNSHINE ONE CALL OF FLORIDA, INC. (1-800-432-4110) TWO BUSINESS DAYS IN ADVANCE OF BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION ON THE JOB SITE.
19. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL APPLY FOR THE, AND OBTAIN, REQUIRED FDEP/NPDES PERMIT.
20. UTILITY COMPANIES HAVE NOT BEEN NOTIFIED OF THIS DESIGN NOR CONSTRUCTION. CONTRACTOR TO NOTIFY ALL INVOLVED UTILITY COMPANIES WITH PLANS FOR COMMENTS.
21. ALL M.O.T. IN THE VICINITY OF THE FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAYS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FOOT INDEX 800 SERIES.
22. THE LOCATION OF SIGN COLUMNS ARE SHOWN AS DIAGNOMATIC. CONTRACTOR SHALL USE FOOT INDEX # 17002, CASE V, FOR PLACEMENT CRITERIA WHEN INSTALLING SIGN COLUMNS. SIGN COLUMNS MAY BE SHIFTED TO ACCOMMODATE LOCAL CONDITIONS AND EXISTING UNDERGROUND AND OVERHEAD UTILITY LOCATIONS.
23. ALL BASE AND FOUNDATIONS RELATED TO SIGN COLUMN INSTALLATION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE CURRENT VERSION OF "THE VILLAGES CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT MANUAL".

FINAL PLANS
NOVEMBER 15, 2010

REVISIONS		PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ENGINEER OF RECORD: VOLKERT, INC. 3429 West Lennen Street Tampa, Florida 33609 Certificate of Authorization No. 00004641 Jane A. Caldera, P.E. No. 55116	SUNTER COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION			SHEET NO.
DATE	DESCRIPTION			ROAD NO.	COUNTY	FINANCIAL PROJECT ID	
		Buenos Aires Offices GOLF CART SIGN PLAN			SUNTER		2

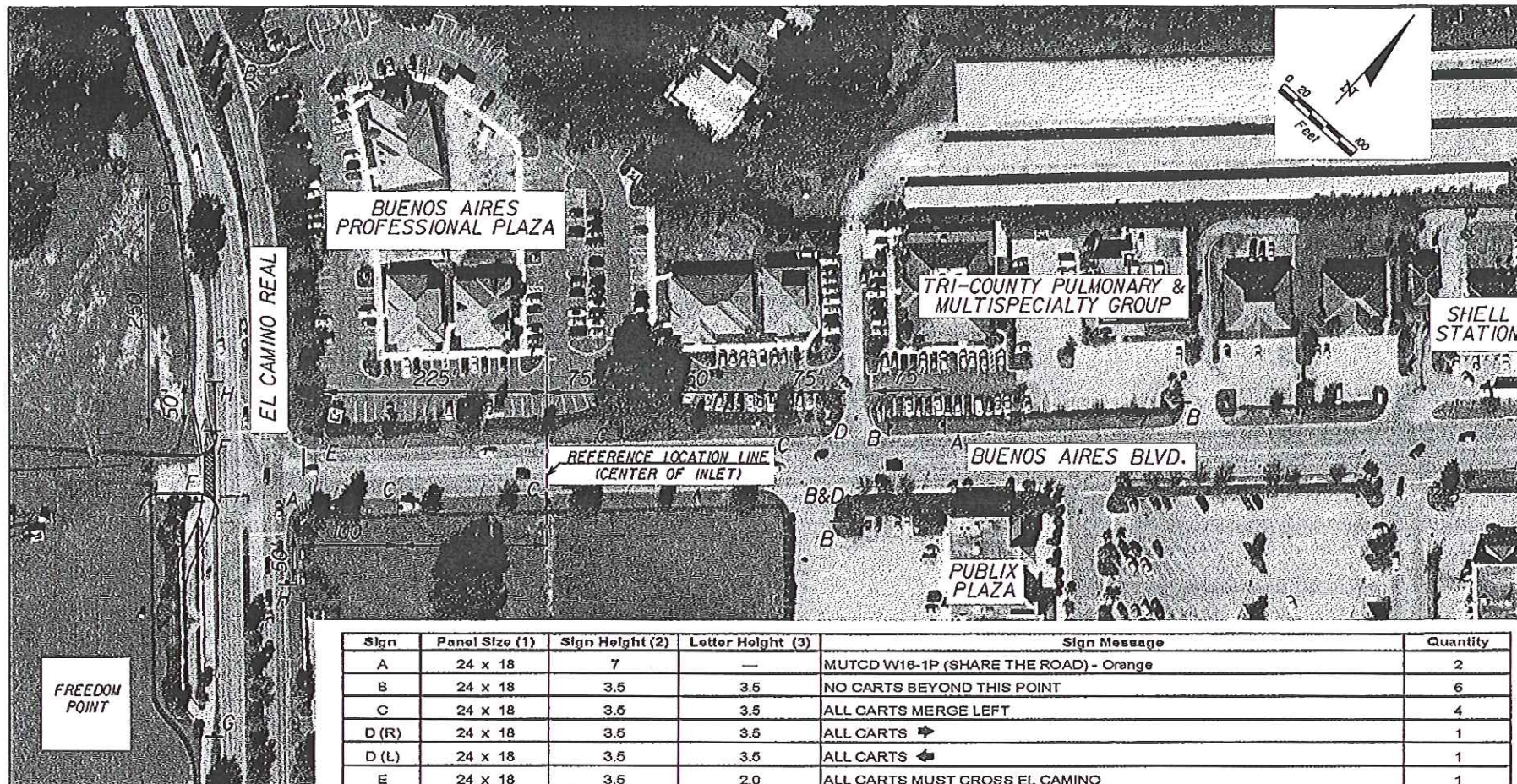
GENERAL NOTES

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Sign	Panel Size (1)	Sign Height (2)	Letter Height (3)	Sign Message	Quantity
A	24 x 18	7	—	MUTCD W16-1P (SHARE THE ROAD) - Orange	2
B	24 x 18	3.5	3.5	NO CARTS BEYOND THIS POINT	6
C	24 x 18	3.5	3.5	ALL CARTS MERGE LEFT	4
D (R)	24 x 18	3.5	3.5	ALL CARTS →	1
D (L)	24 x 18	3.5	3.5	ALL CARTS ←	1
E	24 x 18	3.5	2.0	ALL CARTS MUST CROSS EL CAMINO	1
F	24 x 18	3.5	1.5	CARTS MUST ENTER BACK OF VEHICLE QUEUE TO CROSS EL CAMINO	2
G	24 x 18	3.5	1.5	CARTS USE TRAFFIC SIGNAL TO ACCESS BUENOS AIRES OFFICES	2
H	24 x 24	7	—	MUTCD W11-11 (LEFT FACING GOLF CART)	2

NOTES

- (1) - height x width (in inches)
 (2) - sign height is measured from top of pavement surface to bottom of sign panel (in feet)
 (3) - letter height (in inches)

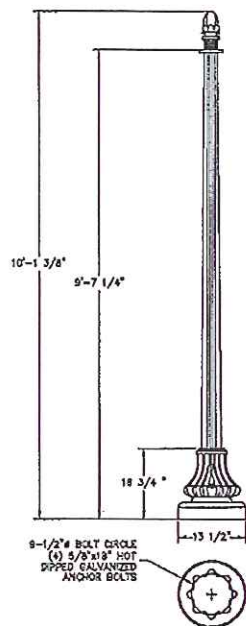
FINAL PLANS
 NOVEMBER 15, 2010

REVISIONS		PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ENGINEER OF RECORD: VOLKERT, INC. 3409 West Lemon Street Tampa, Florida 33609 Certificate of Authorization No. 00004541 Jane A. Collier, P.E. No. 53016	SUNTER COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION			SHEET NO.
DATE	DESCRIPTION			ROAD NO.	COUNTY	FINANCIAL PROJECT ID	
		BUENOS AIRES OFFICES GOLF CART SIGN PLAN			SUNTER		3

PLAN 01

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DECORATIVE 10' 1-3/8" POST DETAIL



NOTE:

1. SIGN BACKPLATE IS BOLT ON, CAST ALUMINUM BACK PLATE-BLACK POWDER COAT FINISH.
2. ALL FASTENERS SHALL BE STAINLESS STEEL.
3. ALL MOUNTED HEIGHTS ARE MEASURED TO BOTTOM OF SIGN.

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SHARE
THE
ROAD

W16-1P (24"X18")

B

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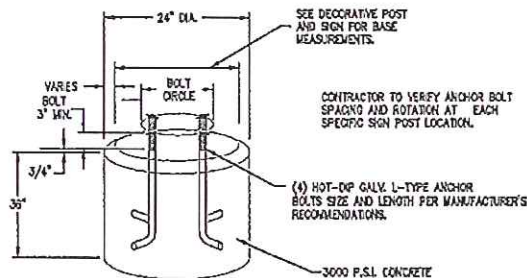
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W11-II (24"X24")

DECORATIVE SIGN POST BASE DETAIL



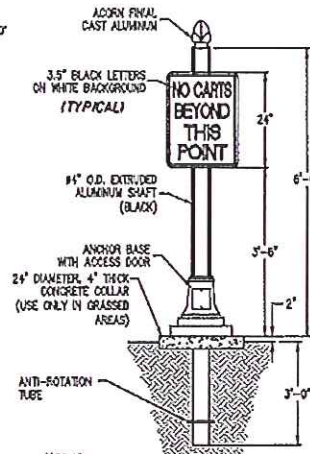
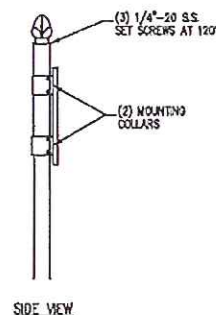
NOTE:

1. SET TOP OF BASE 2" ABOVE SURROUNDING FINISHED GRADE.
2. CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY ANCHOR BOLT SPACING AND ROTATION AT EACH SPECIFIC SIGN POST LOCATION.

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SIGN DETAIL FOR GOLF CART SIGNS

ON FLAGLER BASE AND 4" SMOOTH POLE
FOR GOLF CART USE ONLY



MANUFACTURER: BEACON PRODUCTS
8503 EAST 19th STREET
SARASOTA, FL 34237
CONTACT: VEZEY LIGHTING GROUP
TOM VEZEY
(407) 843-7880 (OFFICE)
(311) 845-3450 (CELL)

NOTES:

1. SIGN BACKPLATE IS EXTRUDED ALUMINUM SLING CHANNEL.
2. ALL FASTENERS SHALL BE STAINLESS STEEL.
3. ALL MOUNTED HEIGHTS ARE MEASURED TO BOTTOM OF SIGN.
4. SIGN NUMBERS FOLLOWED BY AN "A" INDICATE SIGN TO BE MOUNTED ON AN EXISTING POLE. CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY POST DIAMETER FOR COLLAR SIZE.

REVISIONS		PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ENGINEER OF RECORD: VOLKERT, INC. 3439 West Leman Street Tampa, Florida 33609 Certificate of Authorization No. 00004641 Jana A. Caldera, P.E. No. 55115	SUNTER COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION		SPECIAL DETAILS	SHEET NO. 4
DATE	DESCRIPTION			ROAD NO.	FINANCIAL PROJECT ID		
		BUENOS AIRES OFFICES GOLF CART SIGN PLAN		SUNTER			

10/10/2010

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10-26-10-2-b-2021. Lake/Sumter EMS

Mr. Arnold advised that positive discussions continue regarding the level of service that Sumter County would like to have with Lake/Sumter EMS and the moving forward with the formal process of how they will commit to this process. Mr. Arnold has advised Lake/Sumter EMS that the County is seeking Requests for Proposals for ambulance service and Mr. Arnold further advised that he requested from Jim Judge that Lake/Sumter EMS be actively engaged in the process.

22. City of Coleman

Mr. Arnold advised that he had attended the City of Coleman meeting on October 25, 2010 related to Interlocal and Joint Service Boundary Agreements. The City Council set October 27, 2010 for the first formal reading of the proposed ordinance to adopt these agreements. Mr. Arnold discussed with the Board information discussed at the Coleman meeting regarding the County's support of the Coleman Library and proposed removal of County property on November 5, 2010. After discussion regarding the City of Coleman's moving forward with the proposed ordinance, it was the consensus of the Board for Mr. Arnold to advise the City of Coleman that the County would extend the deadline for the removal of the County property from the library until November 30, 2010 pending the outcome of the proposed ordinance regarding the Interlocal and Joint Service Boundary Agreements.

23. Golf Cart Access

Mr. Arnold advised that on Agenda Item 3.f.3 staff recommends option 1a not 1b as noted on the Executive Summary.

c. County Attorney1. Notice of Executive Session (For Action)

Derrill McAteer, County Attorney, explained the requested Notice of Executive Session.

10-26-10-2-c-1

Commissioner Breeden moved, with a second by 2nd Vice Chairman Mask, to approve a Notice of Executive Session for November 9, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at The Villages-Sumter County Service Center, Second Floor Conference Room, 7375 Powell Road, Wildwood, Florida. The motion carried unanimously 5 - 0 .

d. Clerk of Court

Bill Kleinsorge, Finance Director, acknowledged receipt by the Clerk of the Southwest Florida Water Management District Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget-in-Brief.

10-26-10-2-d-1

e. Board Members

1. Commissioner Richard Hoffman - No report.

2. Commissioner Garry Breeden

Commissioner Breeden discussed locations for ribbon cuttings and safety issues.

3. 2nd Vice Chairman Randy Mask - No report.

4. Vice Chairman Don Burgess

Vice Chairman Burgess advised that he had attended a meeting of the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization and that they had received a letter from the Governor affirming the decision of the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization to expand the metropolitan planning area boundary to cover all of Sumter County. This will allow two additional votes (for a total of three) for Sumter County on the MPO Executive Board. Two will be members of the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners and the third will be from one of the municipalities in Sumter County, starting with the City of Bushnell.

10-26-10-2-e-4

Vice Chairman Burgess moved, with a second by Commissioner Breeden, to approve Commissioner Doug Gilpin be appointed as the additional vote representing the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners on the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Board. The motion carried unanimously 5 - 0 .

5. Chairman Doug Gilpin

Chairman Gilpin advised that he had visited the Coleman Federal Correction Complex last week and met with Warden Jarvis regarding veteran employment opportunities at the prison.

f. Public Forum

Chris Norris, 1070 CR 439, Lake Panasoffkee, thanked the Board for the sidewalks on C-470 in Lake Panasoffkee.

Carl Bell, 214 Montoya Drive, The Villages, spoke in support of a golf cart crossing at

Buenos Aires Boulevard.

Lucy Borg, 925 Chula Court, Lady Lake, spoke on behalf of Buena Vista Medical Plaza in support of a golf cart crossing at Buenos Aires Boulevard. She read a letter from Kathleen A. Steepy, M.D. to the Board. This letter is part of agenda item 3.f.3.

Gary Kadow, 2412 Due West Drive, The Villages, spoke in favor of the golf cart access at Buenos Aires Boulevard.

3. NEW BUSINESS-ACTION REQUIRED

a. MINUTES

1. Minutes of Special Meeting held on October 4, 2010 (Staff recommends approval).

10-26-10-3-a-1

Vice Chairman Burgess moved, with a second by 2nd Vice Chairman Mask, to approve the minutes of special meeting held on October 4, 2010. The motion carried unanimously 5 - 0 .

2. Minutes of Regular Meeting held on October 12, 2010 (Staff recommends approval).

10-26-10-3-a-2

Commissioner Hoffman moved, with a second by Vice Chairman Burgess, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 12, 2010. The motion carried unanimously 5 - 0 .

b. FUTURE PUBLIC HEARINGS OR MEETINGS

1. Schedule Public Hearing on November 9, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., at the Sumter County Government Annex in Bushnell, 910 North Main Street, Room 142, Bushnell, FL 33513 to amend Ordinance 2010-10 for the purposes of clarification. (Staff recommends approval).

10-26-10-3-b-1

Commissioner Breeden moved, with a second by Vice Chairman Burgess, to approve to schedule a public hearing on November 9, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., at the Sumter County Government Annex in Bushnell, 910 North Main Street, Room 142, Bushnell, FL 33513 to amend Ordinance 2010-10 for the purpose of clarification. The motion carried unanimously 5 - 0 .

10-26-10-3-f-1

Commissioner Breeden moved, with a second by 2nd Vice Chairman Mask, to approve Option 1, "Because C-475, from C-470 to SR 48, is a Major Collector, as defined by the FHWA and the Sumter County Land Development Code, and is similar in function to Regionally Significant Roads defined by the MPO, the road should be maintained by the County regardless of annexation activity. The motion carried unanimously 5 - 0 .

2. Request from Sumter Fair Association to allow alcohol at an event being held at the Agriculture Center on May 7, 2011 (Board's Option).

10-26-10-3-f-2

Vice Chairman Burgess moved, with a second by Commissioner Breeden, to approve a request from Sumter Fair Association to allow alcohol at an event being held at the Agriculture Center on May 7, 2011. The motion carried 4 - 1 with 2nd Vice Chairman Mask voting nay.

3. Golf Cart Access NW Side of Buenos Aires Blvd (Staff recommends option 1b).

There was lengthy discussion on this matter by Board members. Commissioner Hoffman provided a handout which was read into the record.

10-26-10-3-f-3

Commissioner Hoffman moved, with a second by Vice Chairman Burgess, to approve the adoption of a resolution (Resolution No. 2010-49) authorizing a golf cart crossing at El Camino Drive and Buenos Aires Boulevard eliminating #3 of the proposed Resolution which reads "The Board has determined that the golf carts may only operate in the area of this resolution during daylight hours." The motion carried 3 - 2 with Commissioner Breeden, and Chairman Gilpin voting nay.

4. Sumter County Board of County Commissioners, Sumter County, Vision, Mission and Values (Staff recommends approval).

10-26-10-3-f-4

5. Foreclosure Prevention Strategy added to the Affordable Housing Funds and Technical Revisions to the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program (Staff recommends approval).

10-26-10-3-f-5

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SUBJECT: Golf Cart Access NW Side of Buenos Aires Blvd (Staff recommends COA 1a)

REQUESTED ACTION: Board Approval of Course of Action 1a

☐ Work Session (Report Only) **DATE OF MEETING:** October 26, 2010
☒ Regular Meeting ☐ Special Meeting

CONTRACT: X N/A

Vendor/Entity: _____

Effective Date: _____

Termination Date: _____

Managing Division / Dept: _____

Public Works / Road and Bridge

BUDGET IMPACT: Varies depending on the course of action selected by the Board

☒ Annual

FUNDING SOURCE:

County Transportation Trust

☐ Capital

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:

103-340-541-4600

☐ N/A

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed 4 options for golf cart access to the NW side of Buenos Aires Blvd during the regular meeting on 28 September. The requested action was for the Board to elect an option for further engineering study and implementation. The direction to the County Administrator and staff was: 1) to more fully develop option 4; 2) to vet the options with The Villages and obtain their recommendation on golf cart access to the subject location, and 3) to ensure staff has done their due diligence with regard to courses of action for golf cart access to the subject location.

Existing Conditions:

Buenos Aires Boulevard is a 4 lane undivided roadway connecting El Camino Real to US Highway 441/27. The most current vehicle counts were 5,548 southbound and 5,069 northbound for a two way total of 10,617. The County maintains Buenos Aires Boulevard which consists of 4 x 12 foot travel lanes and type "F" curb and approximately 4' grass strip. El Camino Real is a 4 lane divided roadway where it intersects Buenos Aires.

The intersections of Buenos Aires Boulevard with El Camino Real and US 441/27 are fully signalized. A 60 foot right-of-way exists from El Camino Real northeast to Bella Cruz Drive. A 67 foot right-of-way exists from Bella Cruz Drive northeast to US 441/27 to facilitate the raised median. The posted speed limit on Buenos Aires is 30 MPH.

Based on MPO data, Buenos Aires Blvd had 23 accidents from the period of 2/9/07 to 12/12/09, along Buenos Aires from Bella Cruz to El Camino, including 3 injury accidents.

Current Golf Cart Access to NW Side of Buenos Aires Blvd:

Presently golf cart traffic is able to ingress and egress all of the commercial properties southeast of Buenos Aires Boulevard by means of tunnel cart traffic under El Camino Real immediately south of Buenos Aires Boulevard. Based on observations and interviews, some golf cart drivers currently access businesses on the northwest side of Buenos Aires Blvd from the rear entrance (truck delivery area) of the Publix shopping center. Most personnel use their automobiles.

The Villages is in the process of renovating the existing the golf cart path on the south side of El

Camino Real, across the private drive to Freedom Point, and then continuing along the south side of El Camino. Due to restricted right of way, the golf cart path crosses in front on the stop bar for automobiles at this signalized location.

There are two existing golf cart crossing locations in the Villages with elements that are similar to the subject area; the crossing of El Camino Real and Enrique Drive, and the crossing of Morse Blvd at Rio Grande. However, there are notable and significant differences to relate the safety of the golf cart driver and motorist.

El Camino and Enrique (see attached photos):

1. Carts on the El Camino cart path cross behind the stop bar here, versus in front of the stop bar at the location of COA 4. This allows them to merely cross the gated road at Enrique, or cue up to cross El Camino.
2. Carts cross from one low volume residential area to another low volume residential area here, versus COA 4 which would put the cart in the travel lanes with high volume of motorized traffic.

Morse Blvd and Rio Grande (see attached photos):

1. Carts traveling on Rio Grande are directed by sign, to merge left with traffic from a protected cart lane, in order to cross Morse Blvd with the signal. At the location of COA 4, when departing the businesses, carts would turn right and then merge left into the traffic left turn/thru lane near the intersection. In this case, the cart is not in a protected lane prior to merging but moving from one active lane to another active traffic lane.
2. When carts cross Rio Grande, they can enter a protected cart lane easily. At COA 4, to continue east the cart would have to enter the crossing at Freedom Point in front of potential traffic, due to the curb separating the roadway and cart path.
3. If a cart on Rio Grande decides not to turn left onto Morse, they stay in the cart lane and turn right onto the cart path along that side of the Morse. At COA 4, if a cart remains in the right lane by accident, there is no recovery area, and no cart path along that side of El Camino.

A complete list of pros and cons of both courses of action are discussed below.

Additionally, as directed by the Board, staff met with key representatives of The Villages on 5 October and with their current cart path consultant, KHA, on 8 October. The Villages' was represented by Mr. Ron Grant, Vice President, and Mr. Gary Moyer. A summary of The Villages' input is:

1. There is no legal or developmental (DRI) requirement for the Villages to provide golf cart access to the businesses on the NW side of Buenos Aires Blvd. This was confirmed with Planning and Development Division staff.
2. Furthermore, The Villages' representatives stated they informed the initial buyer of each commercial property on the NW side of Buenos Aires that the Villages would not provide them with golf cart access.
3. The Villages' recommendation for golf cart access on the NW side of Buenos Aires is to not provide it. Either continue with option 1 as shown on 28 September, or put the signs back up that restrict golf carts from crossing Buenos Aires at all, i.e., COA 1a.

A summary of discussion with their golf cart path consultant (KHA) is that golf carts are not safe crossing El Camino at the intersection with Buenos Aires, nor on Buenos Aires, in general, as shown in COA 4. (See more detailed comments at the attachment memo).

Purpose:

This report has been prepared for the Board of County Commissioners for consideration as it pertains to golf cart access on the northwest side of Buenos Aires Boulevard. COA's are listed below along with staff's pros/cons concerning each.

COA 1a: *Re-install the signs for no golf cart access*

Pros: Eliminates tort liability – this is the safest COA

Minimal cost for signs

Eliminates co-mingling of licensed motor vehicles with golf carts on a 4 lane divided highway, and with trucks in the delivery area

Assured access remains available via motorized vehicles

Cons: Continued citizen complaints

COA 4: *Modify signage along Buenos Aires Blvd and at the intersection of Buenos Aires Blvd and El Camino Real to allow cart crossing.* (see attached aerial and photos)

Pros: Provides an additional route to cross El Camino Real onto Buenos Aires Boulevard and is similar (but not identical) to other locations in the Villages

Minimal cost for signs

Cons: Would comingle the golf carts in regular traffic lanes for the longest distance on Buenos Aires, a road with a history of accidents, with speed differential causing hazardous conditions.

Could put unlicensed operators, in unlicensed vehicles, in the same traffic lanes as licensed motorized traffic, under conditions that do not exist anywhere else in the Villages.

Carts would be in front of the stop bar (and auto traffic) when preparing to cross El Camino, and would also have to cross the left turn only turn lane in front of auto traffic in order to get in front of the thru lane.

The exit ramp from Freedom Point parking lot feeds directly behind the stop bar at the proposed crossing, a potential conflict with carts trying to U-turn to cue.

No positive control for preventing carts from traveling farther NE along Buenos Aires to other access points

No positive control for preventing carts from turning left when departing the businesses on the NW side of Buenos Aires

When departing the businesses NW of Buenos Aires, carts would have to merge left into an active traffic lane from another active traffic lane, instead of a protected golf cart lane

To continue east, carts returning to cross El Camino would have to enter the cart path at Freedom Pointe in front of potential traffic due to the curb separating the roadway and cart path

When departing the businesses NW of Buenos Aires, if a cart remained in the right lane by accident or design, there is no recovery area and no cart path on that side of El Camino

Increase in potential tort liability for the County.

This COA is the least safe and not recommended by Public Works.

APPROVED

October 26, 2010

By a vote of 3-2 with Chairman Gilpin and Commissioner Breeden voting Nay a resolution authorizing a golf cart crossing at El Camino Drive and Buenos Aires Blvd.

RESOLUTION NO 2010- 49

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A GOLF CART
CROSSING AT EL CAMINO DRIVE AND BUENOS AIRES BLVD

WHEREAS, the use of golf carts within the Villages is very popular, is an accepted method of transportation, the Villages has many miles of golf cart paths and tunnels, and such use has proven to be an economical method of transportation, and

WHEREAS, Section 17-3 of the Sumter County Code authorizes the Board to approve the operation of golf carts on County road or streets if authorized by resolution, and

WHEREAS, Section 316-212 (3), Florida Statutes provides that golf carts may be operated on County roads only during the hours between sunrise and sunset unless the government with jurisdiction determines that golf carts may be operated during the hours after sunset and before sunrise so long as the golf carts are equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals and windshields, and

WHEREAS, there has been a request to allow golf carts to cross access the establishments on the west side of Buenos Aires Blvd,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida as follows:

1. This resolution is adopted pursuant to Section 17-3 of the Sumter County Code.
2. The Board has determined that golf carts may operate across the intersection of El Camino Real and Buenos Aires Blvd and on Buenos Aires Blvd to access the establishments on the west side of Buenos Aires Blvd, once necessary signage has been installed and any necessary signal timing modifications have been made.
3. Golf Cart traffic is hereby approved to cross El Camino Real at the intersection with Buenos Aires Blvd, and travel to the establishments on the west side of Buenos Aires Blvd and return.
4. This resolution is subject to the preparation of signed and sealed plans to accommodate safe movement by the golf carts and the automobile traffic using these roads.
5. Violation of this resolution and chapter 17-3 shall be subject to the penalties set forth therein.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 26th day of October, 2010, at The Villages, Sumter County, Florida.

ATTEST: GLORIA HAYWARD



CLERK & AUDITOR

[Signature]
Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *[Signature]*

Doug Gilpin
Chairman

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CLERK & AUDITOR

BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Doug Gilpin
Chairman



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Mr. Scott Cottrell, PE
Public Works Director, Sumter County
319 East Anderson Avenue
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*Re: Cart Access Graphic and Memorandum
KHA Project Number: 142109017*

Dear Mr. Cottrell:

In accordance with our agreement with Sumter County dated October 12, 2010, KHA has prepared the attached graphic of proposed signage locations on Buenos Aires Boulevard in The Villages, Florida. The locations of the signs are in accordance with your sketch transmitted to us on October 12th, with additional comments on October 15th.

As requested, our opinion of the pros and cons associated with the attached plan is as follows.

Pros:

1. The proposed improvements could be constructed in a short time frame at low cost.
2. The proposed improvements do not require the acquisition of additional easements or rights-of-way.

Cons:

The proposed improvements are not safe.

1. The cart movement from the multi-purpose trail on the southwest side of El Camino Real into the travel lanes of the signalized intersection lacks sufficient room for carts to queue at the signal without conflicting with other turning movements at the intersection. Carts would have to merge into vehicular travel lanes in front of the existing stop bar without room to properly align into the travel lanes. Numerous conflicts with other turning movements exist and this movement would be dangerous for all vehicles in the intersection.
2. Once through the intersection of El Camino Real and Buenos Aires Boulevard, carts would need to execute a merge movement to the inside travel lane. While this movement is made in other areas of The Villages, all instances of carts sharing the road with automobiles occur on two lane roadways. A four-lane road introduces weaving maneuvers that can be deadly for cart drivers.

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3. The requirement for carts to turn left at the medical park entrance would leave them unprotected from the rear as they wait for breaks in the oncoming traffic. At this location the cars have entered the commercial areas of the road corridor and there are a high number of driveway ingress and egress maneuvers occurring. Should the carts fail to turn left they will be forced to travel into the heaviest traffic areas of Buenos Aires Boulevard where no provisions for cart traffic are provided.
4. Once leaving the medical park, the carts again must complete a merge movement in heavy vehicular traffic. Should the carts fail to make the merge movement before reaching the traffic signal they would be stuck in the right turn lane and would have no choice but to turn right onto El Camino Real, which is not designed for cart access.
5. When the carts travel to the southwest through the signalized intersection they would then be forced to turn back onto the multipurpose path in two directions, again ahead of the stop bar. This movement would be made while the light is green, which means a cart would need to cross the intersection and then turn sharply onto the path in direct conflict with the other vehicles.
6. The proposed plan ignores the fact that an underground tunnel with safe access to the multipurpose path system already exists beneath El Camino Real. This path provides a protected access trail to Banderas Avenue. Consideration should be given to ways in which carts can be more effectively routed from this location to the medical park on the northeast corner of the intersection.

In summary, our review of the proposed plan concludes that it could jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of the general public. We urge you not to construct this concept as currently proposed.

Sincerely,

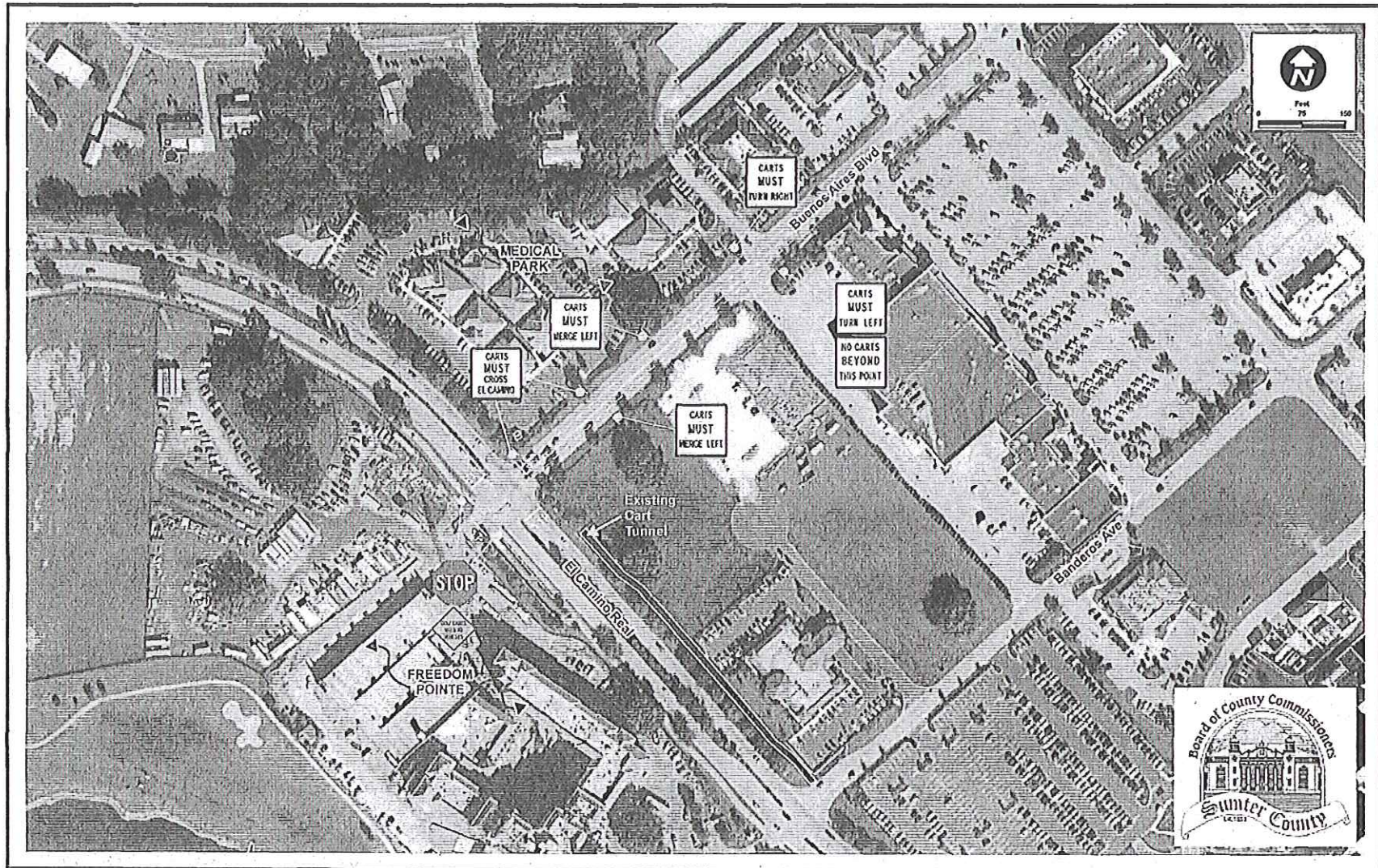
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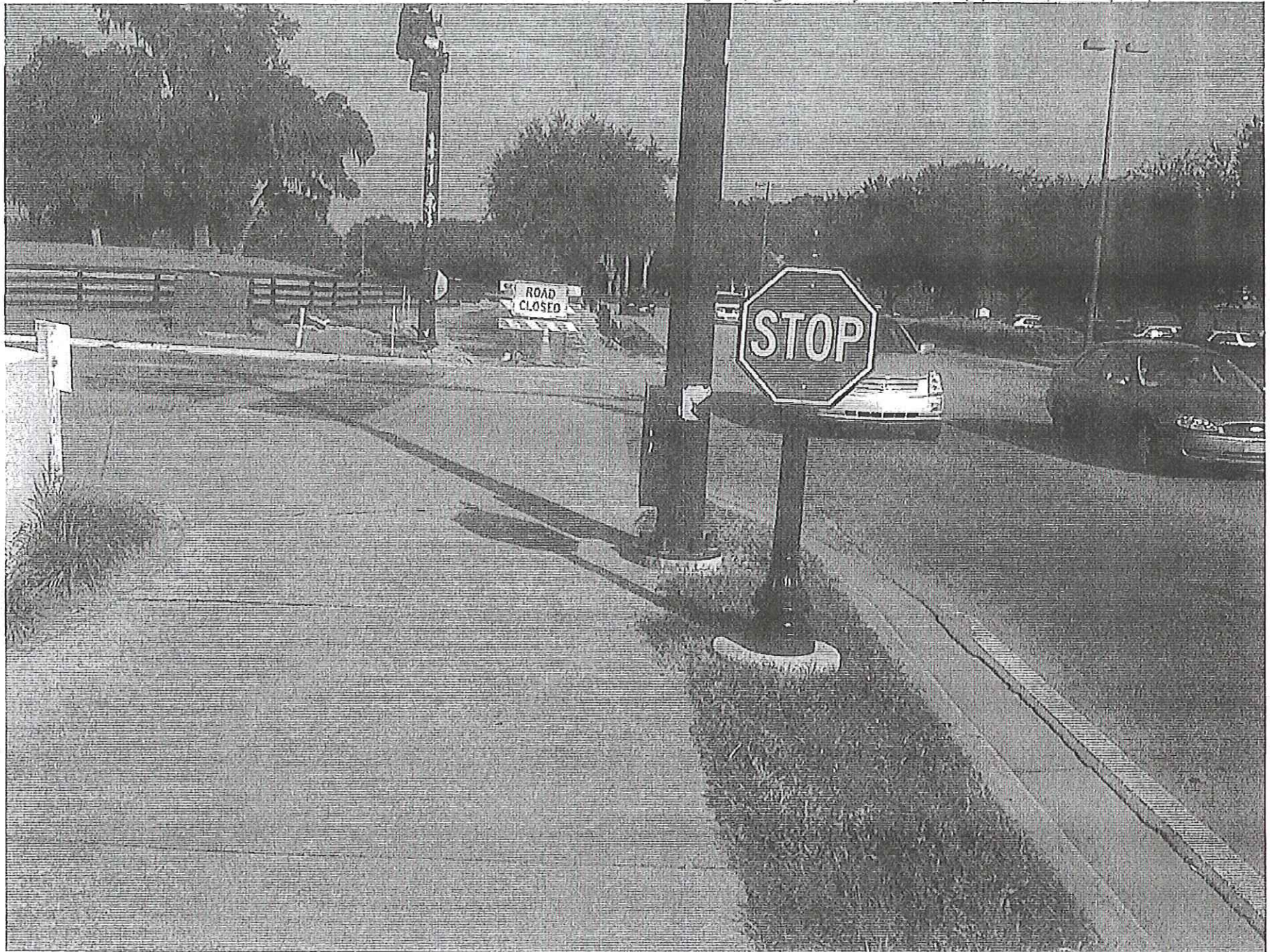
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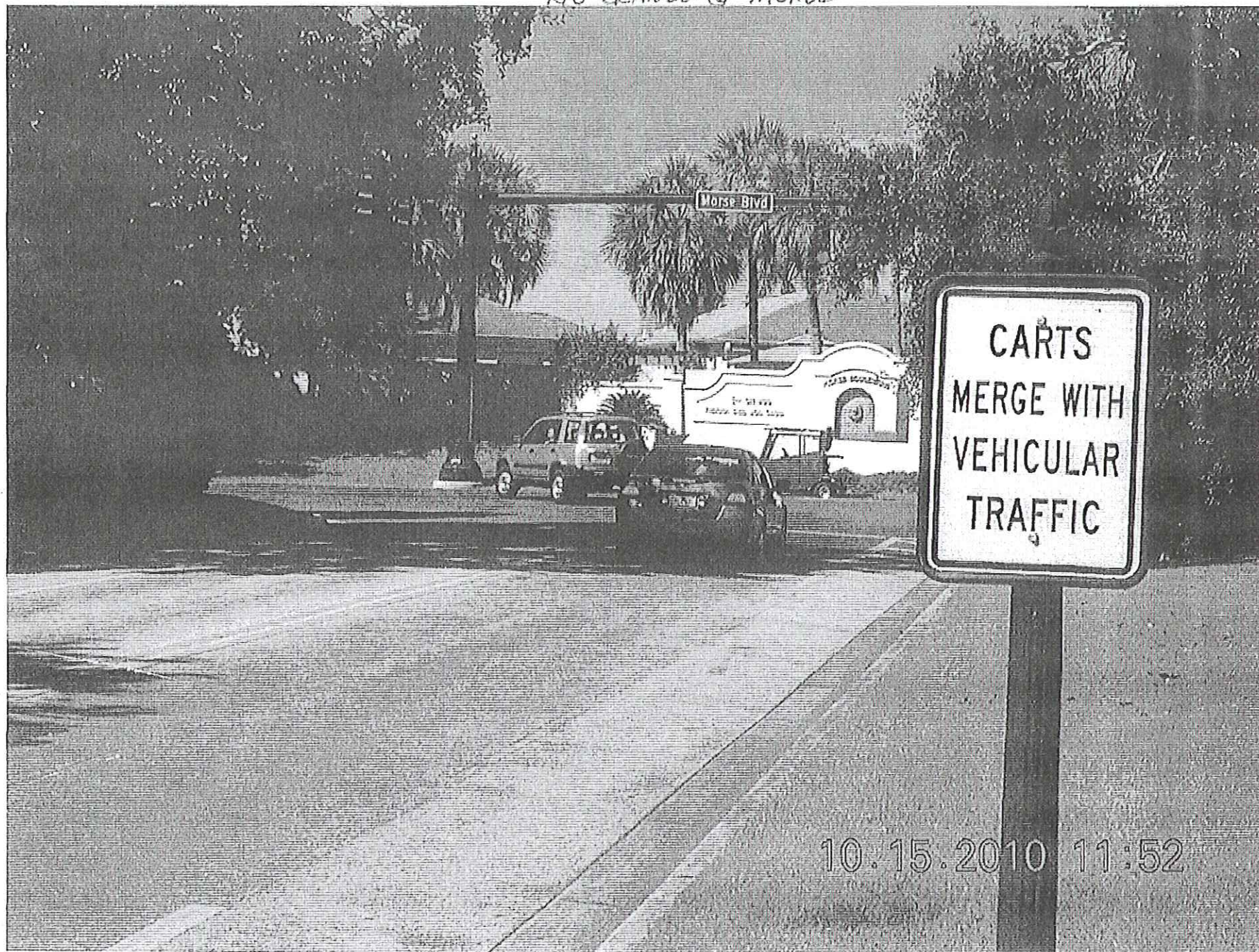


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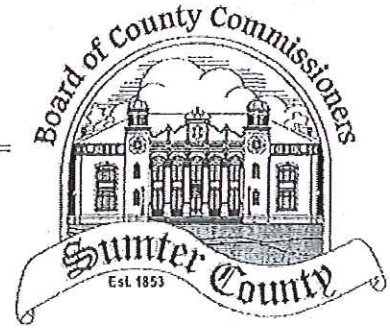


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FROM: Connie Webb

DATE: October 28, 2010

RE: Golf Carts – Agenda Item 3.f.3

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Buenos Aires Crossing Issue

I appreciate the concern for the safety of Villages residents that some of you have expressed. I share your concern, but if we examine current conditions in other locations within The Villages north of CR 466, I believe our concerns may be at least somewhat unfounded. Let me cite several factual examples currently in place.

1. During our last discussion of this issue, Villages resident Carl Bell pointed out and I reiterate the following: There is only one roundabout existing anywhere in The Villages that includes a separate lane for golf cars and that is the Morse Boulevard roundabout near SR 441/27. To completely traverse that roundabout, a golf car would have to cross 14 lanes of traffic none of which have signs or signals that would allow golf cars to travel without first being assured of safe passage. For instance, in order for me to drive to Freedom Pointe from my home, I must cross ten lanes of traffic including El Camino Real. Freedom Pointe residents wishing to drive to and from Spanish Springs must cross 12 lanes of traffic. This roundabout has been in place longer than the nearly eleven years my wife and I have lived in The Villages and I am not aware of a single serious accident that has occurred during that time.
2. Crossing El Camino Real with a traffic light at the intersection of Enrique Avenue to the south and Botello Avenue to the north was approved by this board four years ago and not a single accident has occurred. It should further be noted that far more golf cars cross at that location than are likely to cross at Buenos Aires.
3. Avenida Central in Lake County which circles most of Spanish Springs is a four-lane boulevard with crossing permitted with a traffic signal at Paige Place, Oak Meadow Lane which leads to Rolling Acres Plaza and contains far more commercial establishments than are located in the smaller Spanish Plaines shopping center and at Del Mar Drive where a four-way stop was recently added. Crossing Avenida Central without the aide of a signal or stop sign continues at Vista Lago Place, Alonzo Avenue, Alvarez Avenue and Bichara Boulevard. I am not aware of any serious accidents that have occurred at any of these intersections.
4. Crossing Morse Boulevard between SR 441/27 and CR 466, one of the busiest if not the busiest two-lane road in Sumter County, continues to be permitted at seventeen intersections with only two having a traffic signal and none with stop signs. Village residents appear to cross that road in a safe manner.
5. Golf cars have been permitted to cross Buenos Aires for the past three years and have done so without incident.
6. There is a growing number of "street legal" golf cars in use within The Villages all of which can legally cross at the aforementioned intersections including the intersection under consideration this evening. In addition, they are permitted to be driven on any and all streets within this community with posted speeds of 35mph or less which, of course, includes Buenos Aires, El Camino Real, Buena Vista Boulevard and Morse Boulevard. I refuse to believe that the drivers of these "street legal" golf cars drive more safely than those of us who drive conventional golf cars.
7. Until 2003, golf cars in The Villages were not permitted to be operated after dusk. It was believed to be unsafe to operate golf cars after dark. Following this change by a previous Sumter County Board, there have not been a disproportionate number of accidents involving night time driving.
8. It is currently permissible to cross any street within The Villages on foot, with a bicycle and even with a wheel chair. Do we seriously believe that those residents can cross in a safer manner than a golf car driver?

9. One issue unrelated to public safety that we should consider: If no golf car crossing of Buenos Aires is reinstated, our gasoline tax revenue will be negatively impacted. Gasoline golf car owners who live in the northern area of The Villages will once again be forced to travel to the nearest gas stations available to them -- one in Marion County and one in Lake County.
10. One final point: Merely permitting golf cars to cross El Camino Real at Buenos Aires -- which has a smart traffic light -- does NOT require residents to do so. Just like driving golf cars at night, this too would be left to the discretion of individual operators.

Specific Requirements

1. Crossing El Camino Real would be done from the left lane both east and west the same as followed by other vehicles.
2. Striping and signage similar to that currently used on Morse Boulevard would be required to direct golf car drivers to the appropriate lane.
3. The timing of the smart traffic signal allows traffic to travel across El Camino Real in only one direction at a time which adds to the safety of all drivers.

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Re: Golf Cart Access at Buenos Aires Blvd

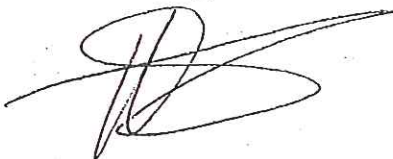
To: Sumter County Commissioners

This letter is in reference to the lack of a designated golf cart access across Buenos Aires Blvd. As a business owner in the Buenos Aires Professional Plaza I see a significant number of local residents accessing my business by golf cart. My concern is in the high volume of auto traffic on that particular road that the golf carts have to dodge. It appears to be a dangerous situation at best.

A designated golf cart crossing would seem to improve the situation in two respects: 1). It would slow traffic down 2). Automobiles would look for golf carts crossing at that particular site rather than the random crossings that now exist.

My patients would like to continue to access my office by golf cart. Please help them to do so in a safe manner.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. Steepy, M.D.

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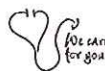
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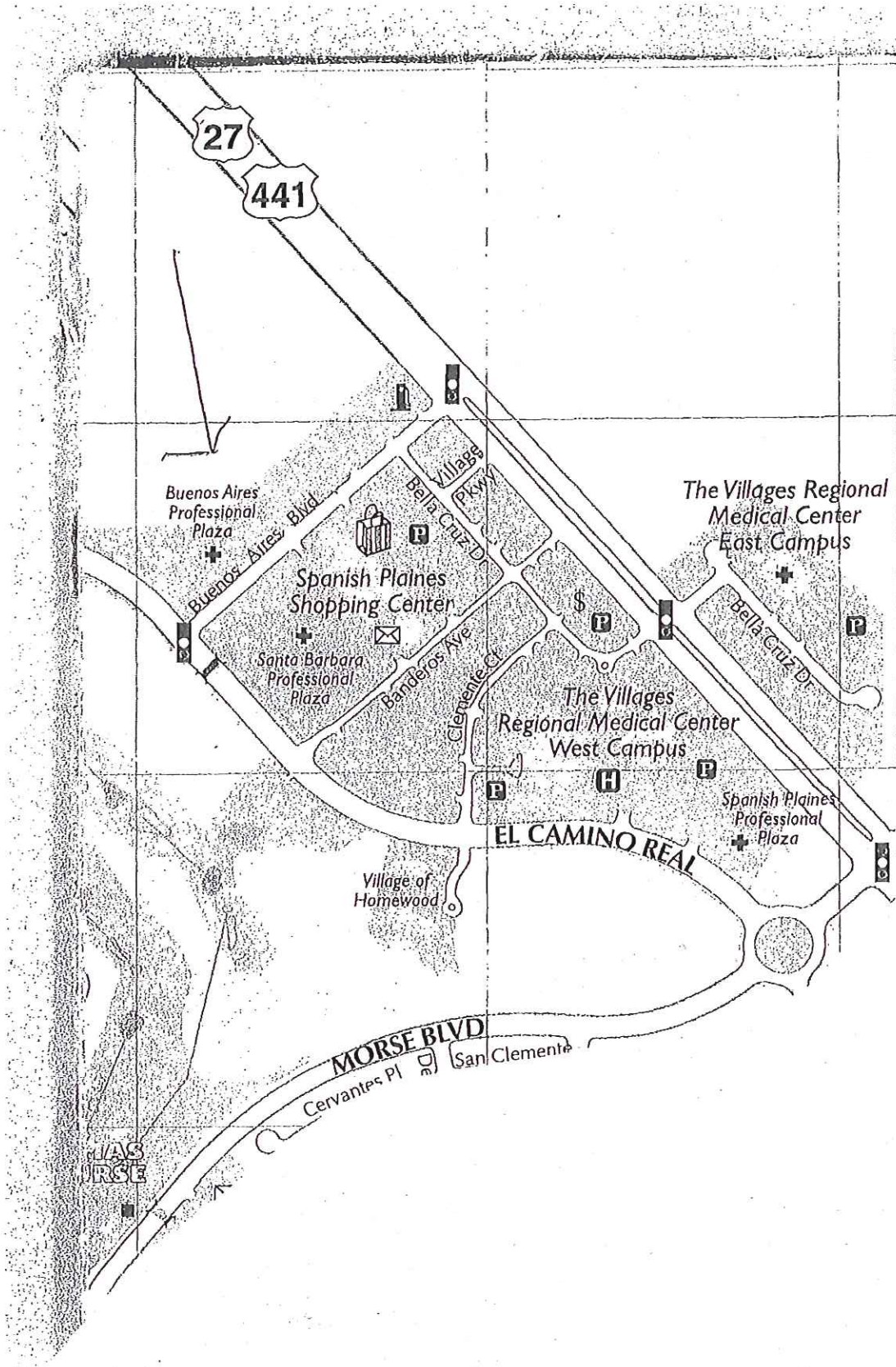
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Bushnell

SUMTER COUNTY DISCUSSES GOLF CART ACCESS TO PLAZA

Board ponders ambulance service options

By CURT HILLS
DAILY SUN

BUSHNELL — County commissioners will study whether a golf cart crossing is needed across Buenos Aires Boulevard.

At issue is concern from some golf cart users in accessing the Buenos Aires Professional Plaza and other businesses on the north side of the road.

At their regular board meeting Tuesday evening in Bushnell, commissioners opted to get more information on golf cart conditions there, although the two commissioners from The Villages initially said some type of cart crossing should be considered. However, Chairman Doug Gilpin said it's an area "golf carts should not be crossing," and said further study is needed before reaching any decision.

Residents of nearby Freedom Pointe and other Villages residents have expressed concern over the lack of a designated crossing area that allows them access to the

medical plaza on the road way's north side. County Administrator Bradley Arnold said.

"It seems appropriate to me to see if something could be done," Commissioner Dick Hoffman said of the discussion.

"It behooves us to see if we have solutions," Commissioner Don Burgess agreed.

But Gilpin said he's spent time in the area researching the issue, and doesn't see it as a major problem. Commissioner Garry Breeden said adding a crossing "could make the situation worse," without studying the area first.

Currently, golf carts reach the plaza in the midst of normal traffic flow.

Burgess said he didn't want to see the issue dropped without gaining more research, and Gilpin and the other board members agreed additional information should be gathered before making a final decision.

In an unrelated matter, Arnold said the county is at a tentative impasse with Lake County officials on seeking a "level of service" agreement with Lake-Sumter EMS. Sumter officials want an agreement that features accountability for things such as emergency response times,

but Lake officials are reluctant to make changes to an existing agreement, Arnold said.

Officials with the two counties are expected to meet again today, but Arnold asked county commissioners for permission to prepare other alternatives for emergency ambulance transport in case an agreement can't be reached.

Hoffman sits on the Lake-Sumter EMS advisory board, and said past discussions have been heated.

"There was a point in time I thought our agreement might be coming to an end, but cooler heads prevailed as that meeting went on," Hoffman reported.

Saying the county "should always have a plan B," board members endorsed a suggestion by Breeden to explore other options, although continuing negotiations with Lake-Sumter EMS is preferred.

"It makes sense for both parties to continue," Gilpin said of the dual-county ambulance partnership.

Curt Hills is an assistant managing editor with the Daily Sun. He can be reached at 753-1119, ext. 9319 or curt.hills@thevillagesmedia.com.

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Resident Survey

Residents like getting around by golf cart

By MACKIE McCABE
HOSPITALITY DEPARTMENT

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Sumter tables golf cart crossing zone

STAFF REPORT

THE VILLAGES - The safety of golf carts crossing Buenos Aires Boulevard in The Villages caught the attention of all five Sumter County commissioners Tuesday night, but the majority of the board said more study is needed before taking action.

Residents and business owners have expressed concern about golf cart operators trying to access properties on

the north side of Buenos Aires Boulevard. Currently, they use a tunnel to cross El Camino Real to reach the south side of Buenos Aires, but then cross the street in a variety of places to reach those businesses, including a medical plaza.

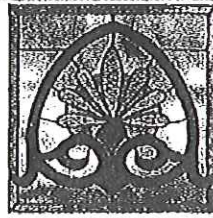
Although county staff had prepared four options, including establishing a designated crossing zone, the majority of board members want to consult with The Villages developer and engineer before

determining if any changes should be made.

In an unrelated matter, commissioners unanimously approved a special use permit for an adult living facility at wastewater treatment facility on property at the entrance the Oakland Hills subdivision Proposed near the intersection of County Road 109 and U. Highway 27/441, the facility would be built behind an existing medical office, if final approval is granted.

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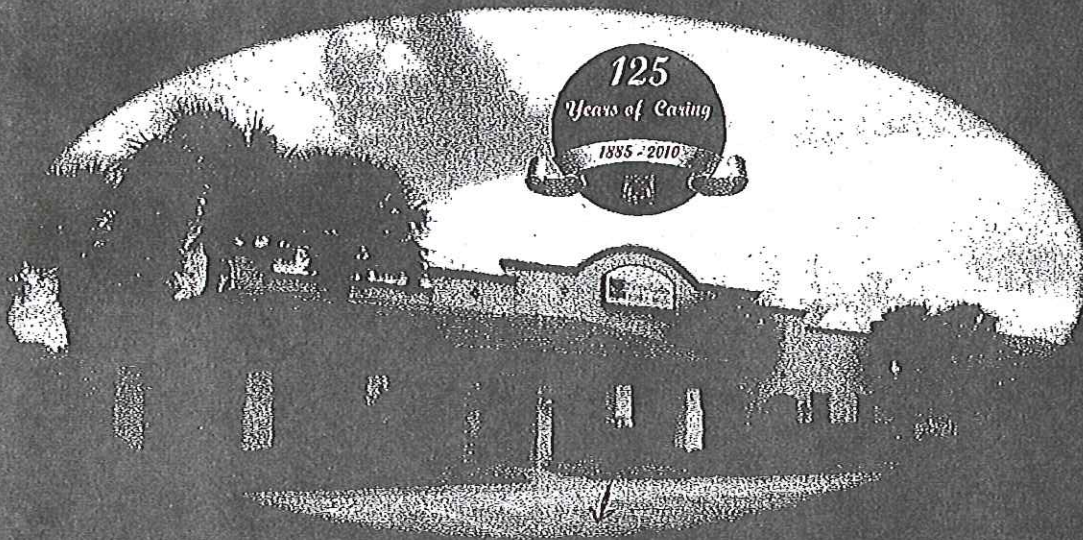
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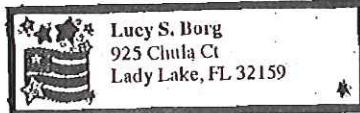


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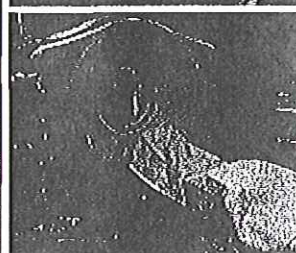
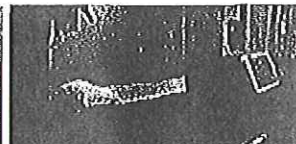
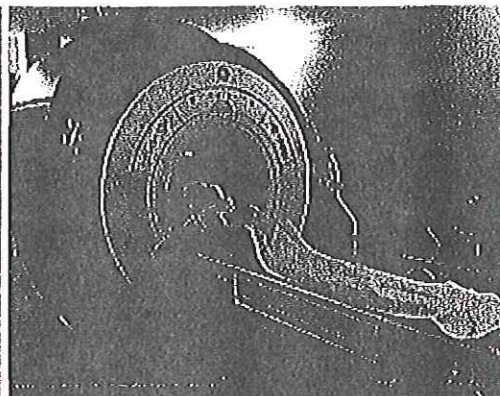


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other obstructions within Clear Zone Recovery Area; (3) restripe the roadway and add edge lines; (4) remove selected trees within Clear Zone Recovery Area; (5) CR 747/SR 722 cross intersection - replace existing stop signs, conduct warrant study to evaluate need for stop signs on CR 747 north and south approaches; (6) CR 747/CR 478 intersection - trim bushes on private property at NW corner to improve sight distance; (7) CR 747/CR 730 tee intersection has limited sight distance due to fence and high brush at NE corner - recommend contact owner to allow County to remove, purchase additional right-of-way to provide intersection sight distance in accordance with FDOT standards; (8) CR 747/CR730 cross intersection - conduct stop sign warrant study to determine need for stop signs along CR 747 at this intersection.

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c. County Attorney - No report.

d. Clerk of Court - No report.

e. Board Members

1. Commissioner Hoffman - No report.
2. Commissioner Breeden - No report.
3. 2nd Vice Chairman Mask - No report.
4. Vice Chairman Burgess - No report.
5. Chairman Gilpin - No report.

f. Public Forum

Howard Oxendine, 5904 CR 551A, Bushnell, FL, addressed the Board regarding the Native Americans and requested assistance from the County in obtaining a building for use by the Sumter County Native American Tribe.

Carl Bell, 214 Montoya Drive, The Villages, FL, thanked the Board for their assistance in the placement of the traffic light at Rio Ponderosa Village. He also addressed the Board regarding the Buenos Aires Golf Cart issue and expressed his support for Option 4.

Cora Wareham, 4507 NE 47 Terrace, Wildwood, FL, approached the Board regarding a problem she is having with access to her property. Mr. Arnold advised the Board that this is a civil matter between Ms. Wareham and her neighbor and thus the Board has no authority in the civil matter.

3. NEW BUSINESS-ACTION REQUIRED

a. MINUTES

Vice Chairman Burgess moved, with a second by Chairman Gilpin, to table this item until the October workshop. The motion carried unanimously 5 - 0 .

24. Annual funding agreement with the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce (Staff recommends approval).

09-28-10-3-e-24

25. Amended and Restated Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for VOS - Flagler Financial Center reviewed at the September 13, 2010, Development Review Committee (DRC) meeting (Staff recommends approval).

09-28-10-3-e-25

26. Tourism Plan Development Contract with E-5 Solutions, Inc. (Staff recommends approval).

09-28-10-3-e-26

Vice Chairman Burgess moved, with a second by 2nd Vice Chairman Mask, to approve Agenda Items 2 through 22 and Items 24 through 26 under Contracts and Agreements. The motion carried unanimously 5 - 0 .

f. GENERAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Buenos Aires Boulevard Golf Cart Access (Board's option).

CLERK'S NOTE: After lengthy discussion by the Board it was the **consensus** to explore Option 4 in more detail and contact the developer and developer's engineer for their input and readdress the item at the October 26, 2010 meeting.

09-28-10-3-f-1

2. Vision, Mission and Values of the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners (Board's option). **CLERK'S NOTE:** At the request of Commissioner Breeden, this item was tabled until the October workshop.

09-28-10-3-f-2

3. Thomas E. Langley Request for Support (Board's option).

Vice Chairman Burgess advised that he serves on the Langley Foundation Board. Mr. McAteer advised he has researched the issue and does not feel there is any conflict of interest.

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SUBJECT: Buenos Aires Boulevard Golf Cart Access (Board option).

REQUESTED ACTION: The Board of County Commissioners may elect to implement any of the options for further engineering study and implementation

☐ Work Session (Report Only) **DATE OF MEETING:** September 28, 2010

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CONTRACT: ☐ N/A

Vendor/Entity: _____

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BUDGET IMPACT: Varies depending on the option selected by the Board

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EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:

103-340-541-4600

☐ N/A

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

The County received a request to provide golf cart access to commercial property along the north side of Buenos Aires Boulevard. Public Works prepared four options for the Board of County Commissioners to consider. Sumter County Ordinance No. 2003-19 and Resolution No. 2003-020A provide the governing authority to allow golf cart travel within specifically designated roadways in the Villages Community.

Existing Conditions:

Buenos Aires Boulevard currently is a 4 lane undivided roadway connecting El Camino Real to US Highway 441/27. A twenty-four hour traffic count was performed over January 21 and January 22, 2010. The vehicle counts were 5,548 southbound and 5,069 northbound for a two way total of 10,617. The paved traveled way is 48 feet wide and type "F" curb and gutter exist along both sides of the roadway. The County maintains Buenos Aires Boulevard which consists of 4 x 12 foot travel lanes and type "F" curb and approximately 4' grass strip. El Camino Real is a 4 lane divided roadway where it intersects Buenos Aires.

Adjacent to the County's right-of-way is a 15' utility easement under separate ownership (Little Sumter Utility Company) and from field reviews contains a large amount of landscape. The intersections of Buenos Aires Boulevard with El Camino Real and US 441/27 are fully signalized. A 60 foot right-of-way exists from El Camino Real northeast to Bella Cruz Drive. A 67 foot right-of-way exists from Bella Cruz Drive northeast to US 441/27 to facilitate the raised median. The posted speed limit is 30 MPH.

Golf Cart Access:

Presently golf cart traffic, by means of tunnel cart traffic under El Camino Real immediately south of Buenos Aires Boulevard, is able to ingress and egress all of the commercial properties south of Buenos Aires Boulevard. Based on field observations and interviews with golf cart drivers accessing businesses on the north side of Buenos Aires Boulevard, the perceived safe crossing is from the rear entrance (truck Delivery) of the Publix shopping center.

Purpose:

This report has been prepared by Public Works to provide options to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration to facilitate the golf cart traffic north of Buenos Aires Boulevard. Options are listed below along with staff's pros/cons concerning each.

Option 1: Keep the existing conditions "As Is"

Pros: No potential increases in tort liability for the County.

Zero cost

Minimizes the co-mingling of licensed motor vehicles with battery operated golf carts on a 4 lane, undivided collector road

Assured access remains available via motorize vehicles.

Cons: Continued citizen complaints

Option 2: Provide cart path from Publix Shopping Center driveway across Buenos Aires Boulevard (i.e. connect truck entrance with main entrance serving Publix Shopping Center and open an entrance from the medical offices parking to the southwest).

Pros: Allows golf cart cross access between businesses on the south side of Buenos Aires Boulevard and those on the north side.

Limits time of exposure while co-mingled with automobiles on Buenos Aires

Cons: Must obtain permission from (2) private landowner (Davis Resources, LLC and Cattle Venture) to remove curb, build cart path and install striping and signage replace landscaping and irrigation.

Must obtain permission from Little Sumter Utility company to use 15 ft utility easement.

Must relocate utility boxes to install golf cart path from front parking lot to the crossing

Golf cart crossing adds a conflict point for vehicles traveling Buenos Aires Boulevard.

Estimated cost for the cart path construction and landscape replacement \$35,000.

Estimated cost for the acquisition of land and/or easements \$ 20,000.

Estimated cost to cut curb and build short path to rear entrance \$ 10,000

Option 3: Install Traffic Signal at intersection of Bella Cruz Drive and Buenos Aires Boulevard to include provisions for golf cart crossing.

Pros: Allows Buenos Aires Boulevard golf cart crossing under signalized conditions.

Cons: Traffic Signal is too close to US441/27 and would adversely affect the free flow of southbound traffic (potential to back up traffic unto US 441/27).

Crossing adds conflict point for vehicles traveling Buenos Aires Boulevard.

Island in the center of Buenos Aires could restrict site distance for golf carts crossing from south to north, and north to south.

Estimated Traffic Signal Expenses \$ 150,000.

Estimated Roadway Expenses \$ 75,000.

Option 4: *Modify the existing traffic signal at the intersection of Buenos Aires Boulevard and El Camino Real to allow cart crossing.*

Pros: This option would provide an additional route to cross El Camino Real onto Buenos Aires Boulevard and is similar (but not identical) to other locations in the Villages.

El Camino Real and Buenos Aires Boulevard is already a signalized intersection.

Cons: This option would require purchasing right-of-way or acquiring easements for realignment of the cart pathway at the intersection of El Camino Real and Buenos Aires Boulevard. The cart pathway should include a design to provide stacking separation and sight distance.

This option would comingle the golf carts for the longest distance on Buenos Aires, with speed differential causing potential hazardous conditions.

This option would have battery operated golf carts crossing a major intersection with automobile traffic

Increase in potential tort liability for the County.

Estimated Design costs for sight distance and queuing \$5000

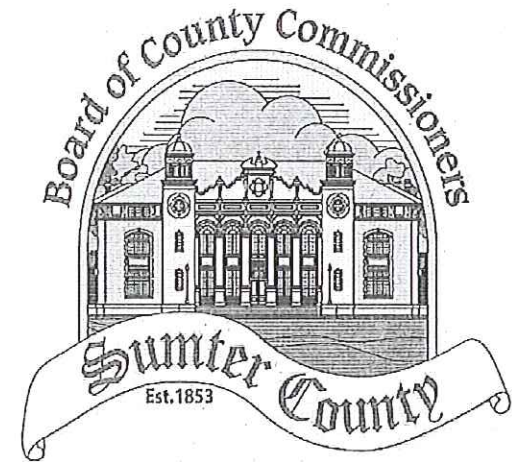
Estimated Costs for realignment of cart pathway \$ 30,000.

Estimated Costs for land and/or easements \$ 5,000.

Estimated Costs for additional signage and marking \$5000

TABLED until October 26, 2010 to further explore Option 4 and discuss with developer and developer's engineer

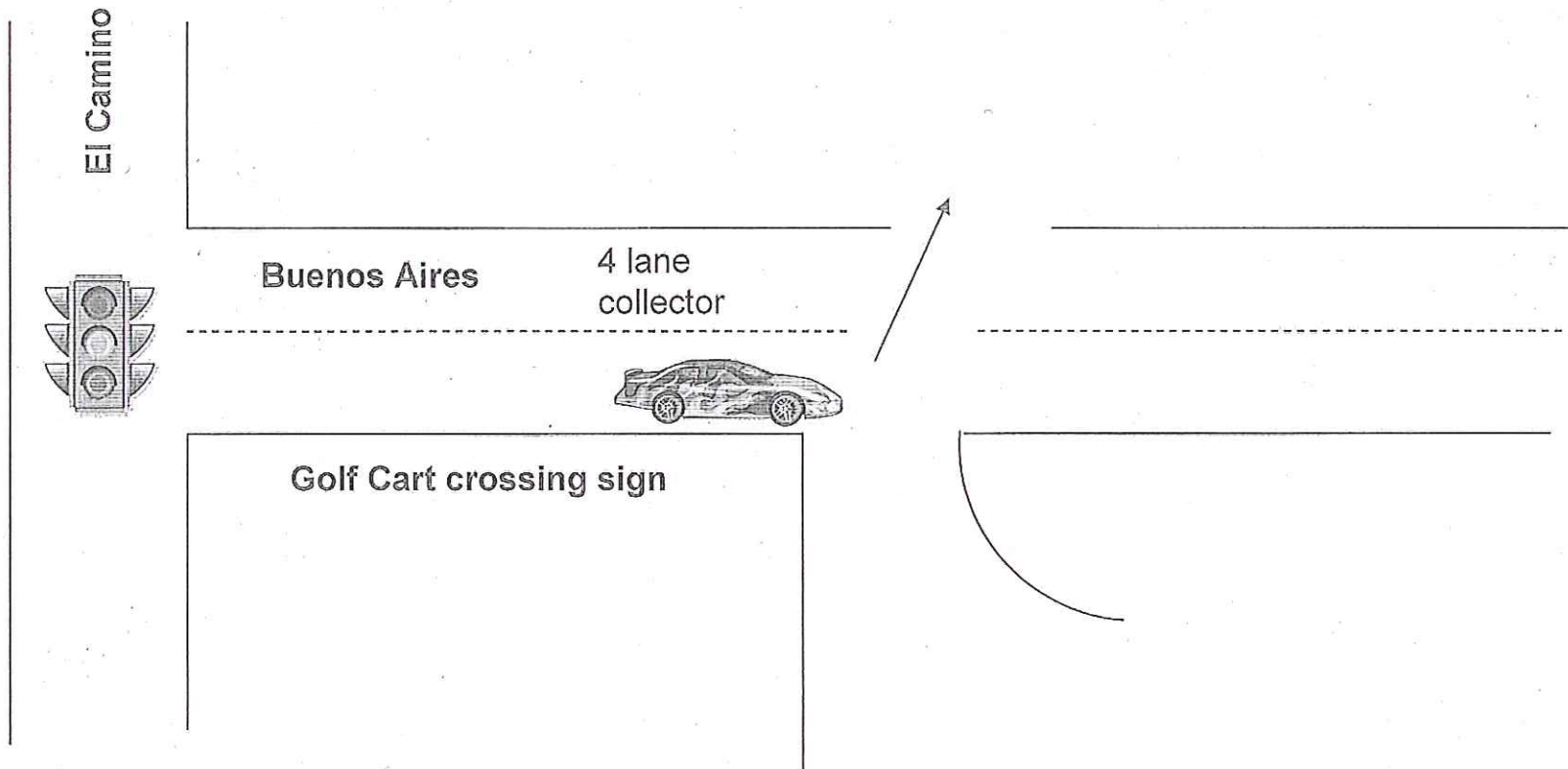
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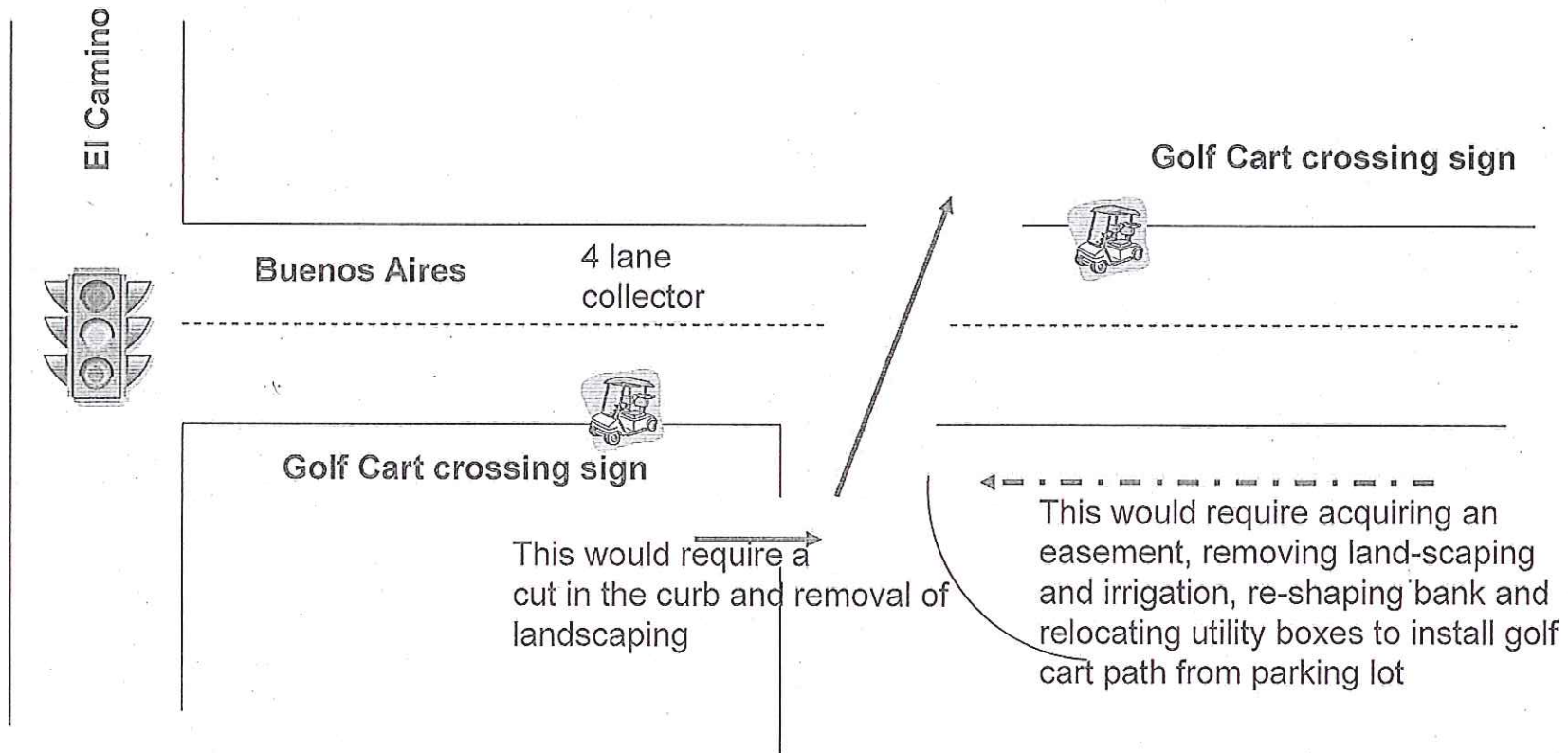
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Golf Cart Access Options

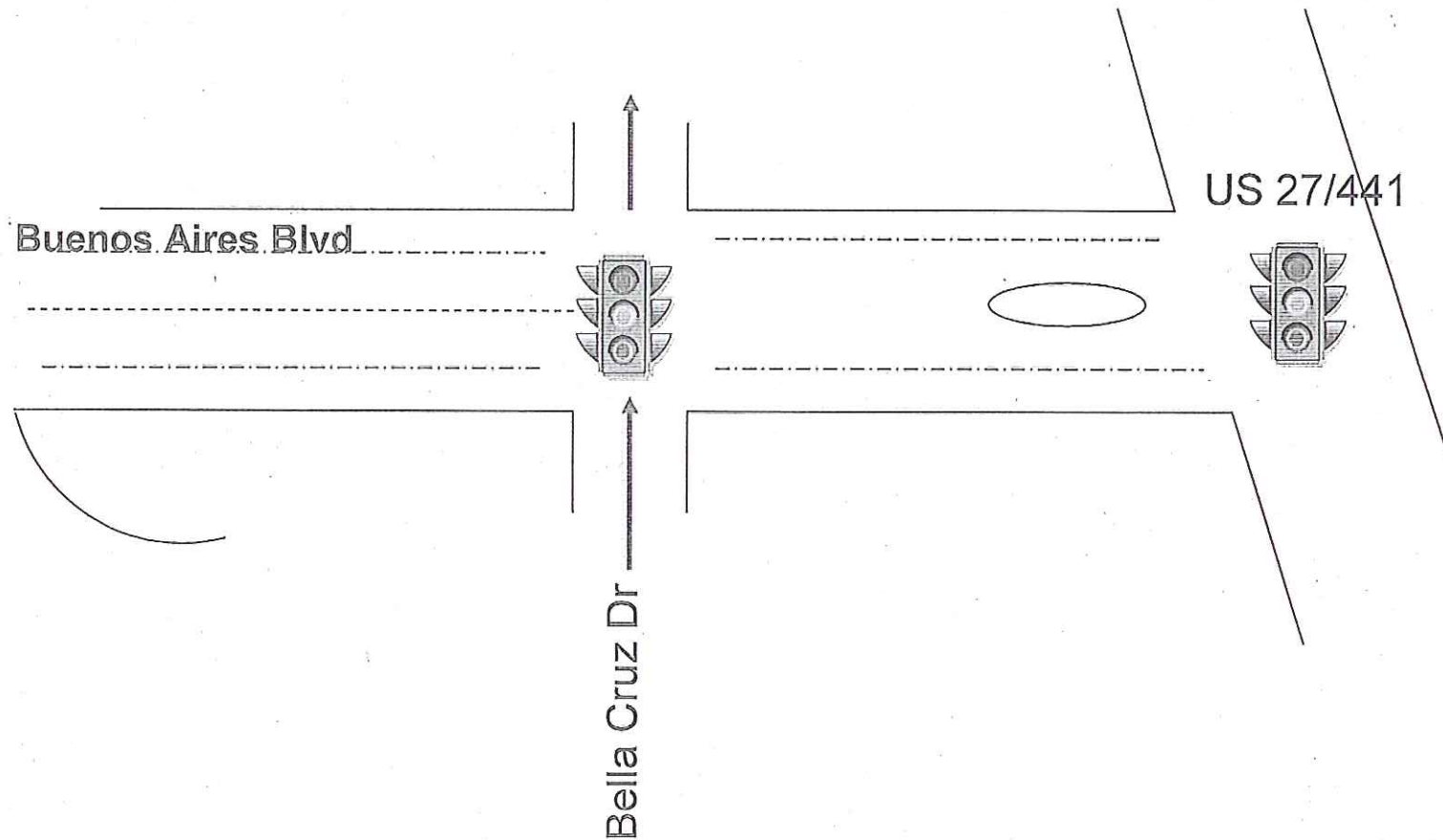
Option 1 – No Change



Option 2 – Surface Crossing Behind the Subway and Publix at Mid-block

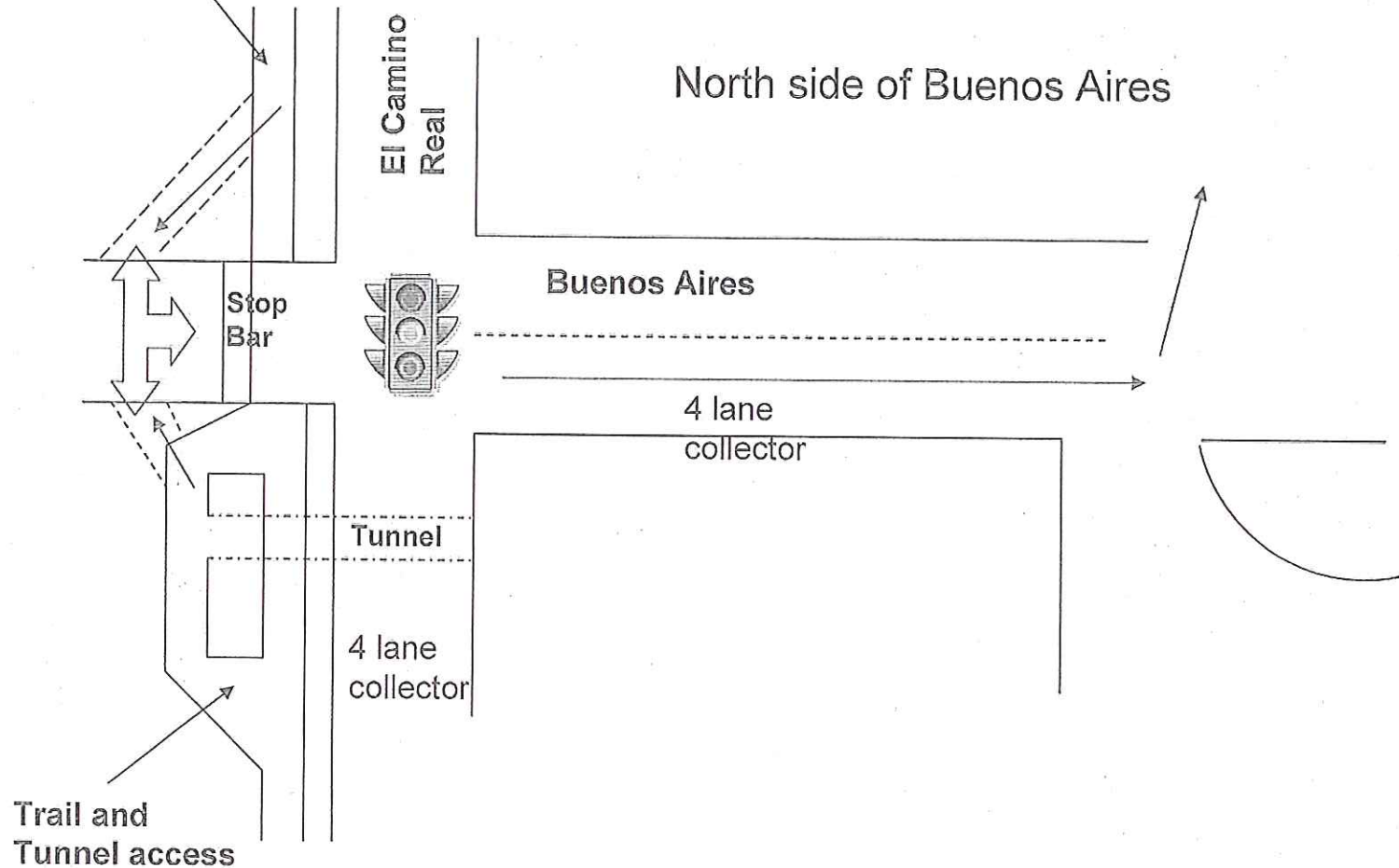


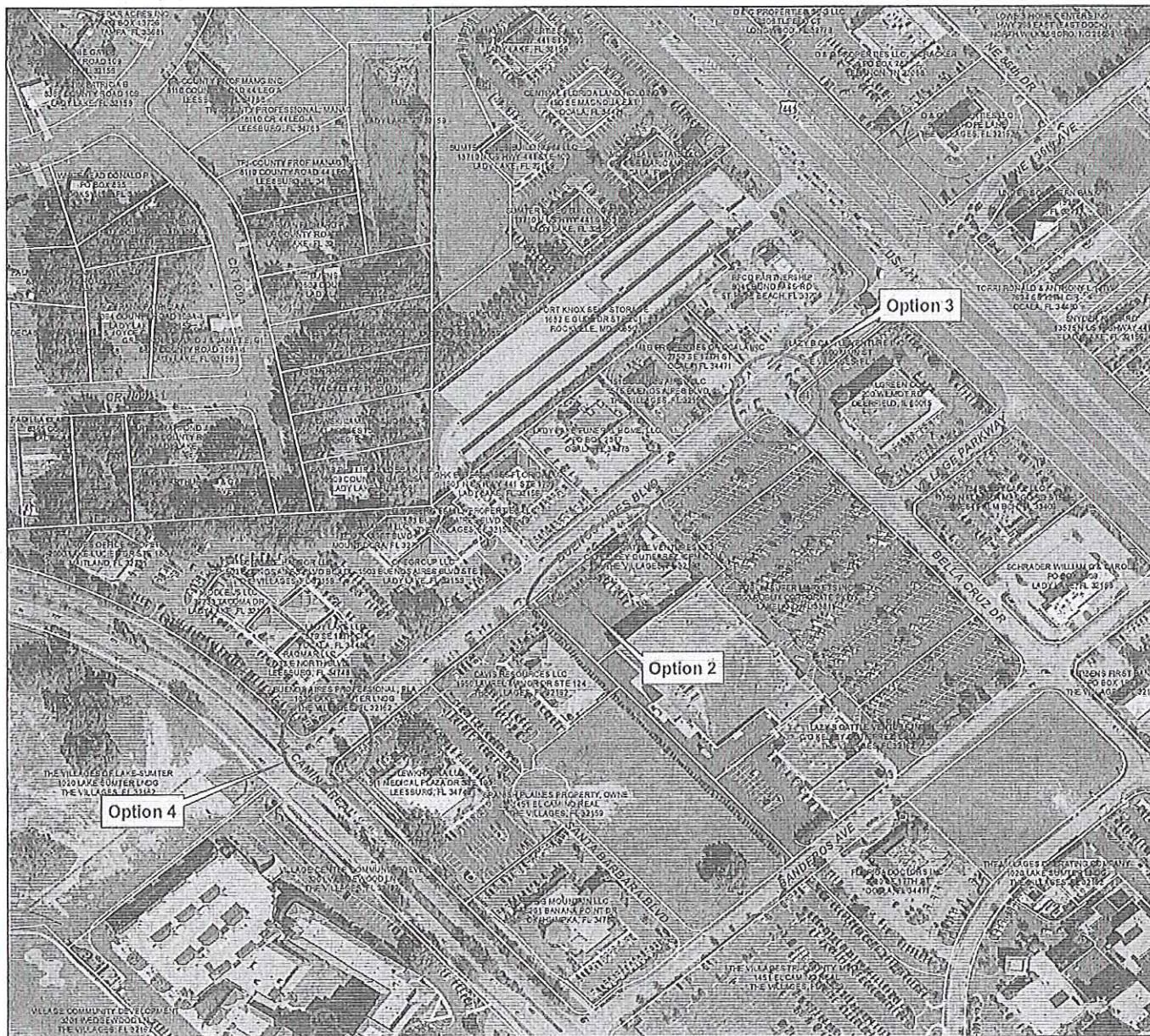
Option 3 – Signalized Crossing West of US 27/441



Option 4 – Cross El Camino Real and Join Traffic on Buenos Aires

Trail under renovation





Location Map

Legend



Parcels



Option 1 is the existing conditions remain



1 inch = 200 feet



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12. Amendment to Group Voluntary Term Life with Florida Combined Life Insurance Company, Inc. to clarify evidence of insurability and benefits effective October 1, 2010 (For Information Only)

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13. Interest from Sludgemasters, LLC in utilizing a portion of the County's Solid Waste Facility located on C-470 for composting process (For Direction).

After discussion, the consensus was to refer Sludgemasters, LLC to ES Solutions for further discussion. There was additional discussion on 27 acres available for development. The consensus was for Mr. Arnold to discuss this with ES Solutions.

07-13-10-2-d-13

14. Golf Cart Crossing at Buenos Aires (For Direction)

07-13-10-2-d-14

After discussion the consensus was for Mr. Arnold to have staff gather data on this without developing options and report back to the Board for further direction.

15. Tax Collector's Office at The Villages Sumter County Service Center (For Direction).

This regards location of the DMV server for drivers licenses at the new location. The State requires certain security measures. It was suggested that it might possibly be located at The Villages Annex Office. After further discussion it was consensus to discuss further with Tom Swain at the July 15, 2010 Budget Workshop.

07-13-10-2-d-15

16. Lake Sumter EMS response to Level of Service Agreement (For Direction)

Mr. Arnold advised that there currently is no Level of Service Agreement in place between Lake County, Sumter County and Lake-Sumter EMS.

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9. Ms Howell discussed an updated version of the Lease Agreement in Agenda Item d.4.

10. Ms. Howell advised that Magnolia Manor was disconnected today. Staff will be working the Florida Rural Water Association to abandon the two wells. Attorney Thornton discussed the building on the corner in the triangle. He advised that Transportation Trust Funds were used to purchase this property with the anticipation of cleaning up that intersection in the future.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – No report.

CLERK OF COURT – No report.

BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Hoffman discussed the possibility of considering an ordinance to allow golf carts to cross at the intersection of El Camino Real and Buenos Aires Boulevard in order to access the gas station at US 441 and Buenos Aires Boulevard which is in Sumter County. He would also like for the Board to consider allowing golf carts to cross at the intersection of El Camino Real and Enrique Boulevard. Ms. Howell will have Tommy Hurst, Public Works Director, look into the matter for discussion at the next regular meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Ron Durham addressed the Board about his letter of May 3, 2006 to Mr. Arnold regarding restricting air boat operation on Lake Miona to the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. He would like to Board to consider an ordinance to adopt these hours of operation. After discussion by the Board, Attorney Thornton was requested to research and bring back possible options to the Board at the next regular meeting. No action was taken.

Kelth Allen inquired about the location of a 1962 Studebaker truck that is assigned to Fire Services. Ms. Howell advised Mr. Allen to contact her office tomorrow morning and they would assist him with this matter. Mr. Allen also inquired about the availability of the Fire Assessment Methodology Report for review. Ms. Howell responded that there had been a miscommunication between departments and apologized for this. Mr. Allen advised that a copy had been provided to him at the current meeting.

Tom Poss advised that some individuals had distributed over 200 cards requesting the Board to act as soon as possible to complete the South Sumter Sports Complex for the good of the youth. Mr. Poss presented completed cards to the Clerk for inclusion in the permanent record.

Bernie O'Donnell addressed the Board regarding golf cart safety in Spanish Springs. He feels that the current golf cart paths are too narrow to accommodate two vehicles passing and would like to see the width of the golf cart paths increased.

currently in Hurricane Season. Mr. Arnold advised that they will contact the electrical contractors that submitted proposals on the Eckerd's Electrical Work as well as re-advertise.

14. Purchase of two (2) Modular Fire Stations, #12-Webster and #33-Coleman for a cost of \$104,492 (\$52,296 each). Funds are available in FY 05/06 Budget. **Discussion:** Chairman Chandler questioned purchasing the Coleman unit before land has been acquired for the new station. Mr. Arnold advised that they are pursuing the property for the Coleman Station as previously recommended by the Board. Should the property not be acquired the modular unit will be placed at the Shady Brook Park. (062006-17)

15. C-475/Main Street Sidewalk Options. **Discussion:** The consensus is to proceed with Option III, which is: Proceed with project outside of the grant; earth and drainage work to be performed by Public Works; form and concrete work to be performed by contractor; county obligation is \$62,000. Attorney Thornton informed the Board that all of the right-of-way property was donated by the property owners. (062006-18)

16. Allow Byron Swearingen to cross County-owned parcel T16A001 as long as the parcel is owned by Sumter County. There will be no permanent easement. **Discussion:** Commissioner Hoffman inquired about the possibility of selling some these county-owned properties. Mr. Arnold advised that they are looking into the intended purpose for these properties. Attorney Thornton advised that there are some parcels in the County's inventory that were acquired through the El Nino Grant that can never be used for building and are to be retained because of flooding purposes. The decision was to grant a license to Swearingen. (062006-19)

17. Appraisal form for use in evaluating County Administrator. The Board's consensus is to use the form from Lake County. (062006-20)

18. Golf Cart Cross for Buenos Aires and El Camino Real. This item is being tabled at the request of Commissioner Hoffman.

19. Golf Cart Crossing for El Camino Real and Enrique. **Discussion:** The following individuals spoke regarding this matter: Mr. Ed Now and Mr. Carl Bell both spoke in favor of the crossing. It is the consensus of the Board to approve Option #3 which is a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners in Sumter County, Florida, authorizing a golf cart crossing at the intersection of Enrique Drive and El Camino Real, The Villages. (062006-21)

20. Proceed with negotiation of contract with M.C. of Florida, Inc. for Design Build Services at the "Old Wal-Mart" Building. Proposals were received in a timely manner from the following construction companies:

Commissioner Hoffman moved, with a second by Commissioner Mask, to approve Option 3 "The canal cleaning described in the original agreement as Amended PLUS the 13 canals approved by the Board April 24, 2007 PLUS the additional attainable footage presented in Attachment 2. Funding Shortfall of (\$433,461) requiring Board's approval of the Budget Amendment", approve the Budget Amendment, and not entertain any further issues on this matter. The motion carried 4-1 with Chairman Francis voting nay. (071007-31)

3. Golf Cart Access request to commercial properties along the north and south side of Buenos Aires Boulevard in The Villages.

Commissioner Hoffman moved, with a second by Commissioner Gilpin, to approve Option 2 "Request the VCDD District 1 to remove the existing cart probation (sic) signage along the south side of Buenos Aires Boulevard." The motion carried unanimously. (071007-32)

4. Designate LSCC-TV to broadcast on an educational channel provided by Bright House Networks.

5. Authorize purchase of two Iteris Video Tracks to replace Peaks at C-466 and CR 103 intersection and El Camino Real and Botello Avenue. (071007-33)

6. Request to allow for disposal of surplus equipment through invitation to bid process. (071007-34)

7. Set policy for County Maintained "C" Roads south of C-466 in The Villages Districts 5, 6, and 7.

Commissioner Breeden moved, with a second by Commissioner Mask, to table this item until the July 24th meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Roadway Acceptance for The Villages District Community Development District 5. (071007-35)

9. Right-of-Way Maintenance Agreements for Villages Community Development Districts 1, 2, and 3. (071007-36)

10. Village Community Development District Agreement to make modifications to Sumter County Fire Station. (071007-37)

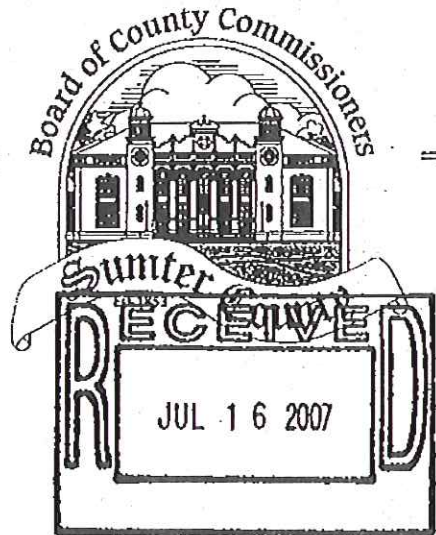
11. Consider options on use of County Property used by Mid-Florida Community Action Agency for Headstart Programs. Staff recommends Option 2, "Transfer eight lots to Kennedy Complex Cooperative, the property holding corporation for Mid-Florida Community Action Agency, for the purpose of providing community programs for citizens of Sumter County. Include a reverter clause where the property will come back to the County if the property is no longer used for community programs." (071007-38)

12. Amend policies regarding waiver of building permit and zoning fees and establish ending date for February 2, 2007 Tornado Damages for waiving. (071007-39)

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July 11, 2007

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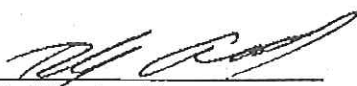
Re: Buenos Aires Boulevard between El Camino Real and US 27 / 441

Dear Ms. Tutt;

During the July 10, 2007, Board of County Commissioners meeting the Board considered the attached report prepared by Public Works outlining five options intended to facilitate cart access to the commercial establishments along the north side of the subject roadway. The Board selected and approved Option 2 unanimously. As a result, we are requesting the VCCDD take the necessary action to remove the "No Carts Beyond This Point" signs along the south side of Buenos Aires Boulevard.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,


Bradley Arnold
County Administrator

cc: Commissioner Hoffman
Attachment

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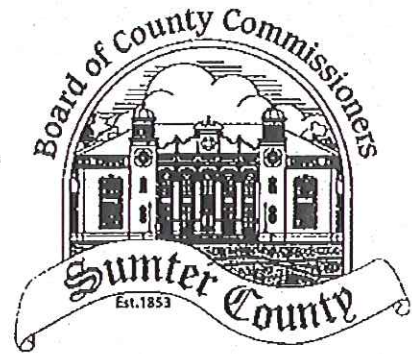
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SUMTER COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

REPORT ON BUENOS AIRES BOULEVARD

Existing Conditions:

Buenos Aires Boulevard currently is a 4 lane undivided roadway connecting El Camino Real to US Highway 441 / 27. A twenty-four hour traffic count was performed over June 28 and 29, 2007. The vehicle counts were 4,794 west bound and 4,634 east bound for a two way total of 9,428 during the non-peak season. A three day traffic count was taken over subsequent weekend; the east bound counter hose came loose, as a result only the west bound count was considered accurate. The three day count was 15,921 this equates to an average of 5,307 vehicles per day. The paved traveled way is 48 feet wide and type "F" curb and gutter exist along both sides of the roadway. The intersections of Buenos Aires Boulevard with El Camino Real and US 441 / 27 are fully signalized. A 60 foot right-of-way exists from El Camino Real northeast to Bella Cruz Drive. A 67 foot right-of-way exist from Bella Cruz Drive northeast to US 441 / 27 to facilitate the raised median. The posted speed limit is 30 MPH.

Cart Access:

Presently cart traffic, by means of tunnel cart traffic under El Camino Real immediately south of Buenos Aires Boulevard, is able to ingress and egress all of the commercial properties south of Buenos Aires Boulevard. Posted signage "NO CARTS BEYOND THIS POINT" precludes cart traffic from proceeding north of Buenos Aires Boulevard.

Purpose:

This report has been prepared by Public Works to provide possible solutions to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration to facilitate the cart traffic

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north of Buenos Aires Boulevard. Five options are listed below along with staff's opinion concerning this matter.

Option 1: Keep the existing conditions "As Is".

Pros: No potential increase in tort liability for the County.

Zero cost.

Cons: Continued citizens complaints

Option 2: Request the VCDD District 1 to remove the existing cart probation signage along the south side of Buenos Aires Boulevard.

Pros: Zero cost. Sign removal by the VCDD.

Cons: Increase in potential tort liability for both The Villages and the County.

Option 3: Approve the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Bella Cruz Drive and Buenos Aires Boulevard.

Pros: Access provided to the existing gas station only

Cons: Increase in potential tort liability for the County.

Improvement not currently budgeted.

Estimated cost for the improvement is \$210,000.

Access will be provided at a point source only.

Option 4: Part 1. Modify the existing traffic signal at the intersection of Buenos Aires Boulevard and El Camino Real.

Part 2. Re-configure Buenos Aires Boulevard to a two lane divided with cart paths on each side of Buenos Aires Boulevard from El Camino Real east to Bella Cruz Drive.

Pros: Continuous access provided along both sides of Buenos Aires Boulevard from El Camino Real to Bella Cruz Drive to cart traffic.

Cons: Increase in potential tort liability for the County by mixing cart and vehicular traffic.

Greatly reduce the maximum capacity of Buenos Aires Boulevard which is designated as a county collector road.

Estimated cost for the signal modification \$ 2000

Estimated cost for the striping modification \$ 11,000

Total Estimated Cost: \$ 13,000

Option 5: Part 1. *Modify the intersection of Buenos Aires Boulevard and El Camino Real to a roundabout.*

Part 2. *Re-configure Buenos Aires Boulevard to a two lane divided with cart paths on each side of Buenos Aires Boulevard from El Camino Real east to Bella Cruz Drive.*

Note: The foot print of the existing roundabout at El Camino Boulevard and Morse Boulevard was overlaid on an aerial photograph of the intersection of El Camino Real and Buenos Aires Boulevard to determine the future right-of-way need of a roundabout at this intersection. During this process it was determined the existing cart tunnel would be impacted.

Pros: Continuous access provided along both sides of Buenos Aires Boulevard from El Camino Real to Bella Cruz Drive to cart traffic.

Cons: Increase in potential tort liability for the County by mixing cart and vehicular traffic.

Improvement not currently budgeted.

Greatly reduce the maximum capacity of Buenos Aires Boulevard which is designated as a county collector road.

Existing cart tunnel under El Camino Real will have to be relocated.

Substantial impact to proposed and existing developments from the acquisition of additional right-of-way for the construction of a roundabout.

Estimated cost for construction of the roundabout between \$750,000 and \$1,500,000

Estimated cost for the striping modification \$ 11,000

Total Estimated Cost: Between \$766,000 and \$1,511,000

The Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on this Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at Bushnell, Sumter County, Florida, with the following Members present to wit: Dick Hoffman, Vice Chairman, District No. 1, Douglas Gilpin, District No. 2, Michael Francis, Chairman, District No. 3, Garry Breeden, District No. 4, and Randy Mask, District No. 5. The following individuals were also present and acting in their respective official capacities: Bradley Arnold, County Administrator, and Connie Webb, Deputy Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Francis, with the invocation given by Commissioner Mask, followed by the flag salute.

There was discussion about moving Agenda Item f(5) regarding Shady Brook Park to the beginning of the meeting. The **consensus** was to proceed with the agenda as presented and hear this item in the order it appears.

REPORTS AND INPUT – NO ACTION REQUIRED

National Farm City Week Proclamation for November 16-22, 2007. Chairman Francis read the proclamation into the record. There was no formal action taken.

(111307-1)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Bradley Arnold, County Administrator, presented the following items to the Board for discussion and/or consideration. Mr. Arnold reminded the audience that this would be the last meeting held in the current Board Room and beginning December 11, 2007 the Bushnell meetings will be held at the Sumter Plaza, 910 North Main Street, Bushnell, in Room 142.

1. Updated preview of work schedule (for information). (111307-2)
2. Vacation dates: November 20th-26th – Charleston, SC; December 3rd-10th – Tampa and Orlando (Navy); December 22nd-January 1st – Birmingham, AL (for information).
3. Lake-Sumter Emergency Medical Services, Inc. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2006/2007 (for information).
4. Department of Revenue Response (for information). This is in response to concerns related to the County receiving the appropriate amount of gas tax. A review of the information provided by the Department of Revenue shows that the Buenos Aires Circle K gas station is not listed. (111307-3)
5. Life Safety Code Review of Sumter Plaza County Offices (for information).
6. Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) GIS meeting minutes (for information).
7. Solid Waste Ideas from Employees – Status of implementation (for information). The Board complimented this group for their positive attitude and innovative ideas.
8. Property Tax Reduction Proposal from the State for the January 29 referendum (for information). Mr. Arnold advised that he was providing the actual referendum language as well as a concept impact that might be seen by the County.

t. Letter from William Gulbrandsen, Sumter County Fire Chief, to Michael Arnold, Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council, dated July 10, 2007 regarding new alternate to the Local Emergency Planning Council.

u. Letter from Luther J. LaRue to Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles dated July 6, 2007 regarding Florida Driver's Handbook and Roundabouts Rules of the Road.

v. Letter from Mark Wiseman, Florida Department of Transportation, dated July 11, 2007 regarding the Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief Program (FHWA-ER) and the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Public Assistance Program.

w. Letter from William Stevens, Engineering Manager, Sumter County Public Works, to Robert E. Farner, Farner Barley and Associates, dated July 23, 2007 regarding Bison Valley/CR 101 Improvements.

x. Letter from Jerry and Rita Powers to all Commissioners dated July 18, 2007 regarding CR 101 concerns.

y. Letter from Diane Culpepper, Bright House Networks, dated July 19, 2007 regarding additional services.

z. Letter from Henry and Mary Goldberg to Commissioner Hoffman and Commissioner Francis dated July 18, 2007 regarding CR 101.

aa. Letter from Carolyn J. Pina-Springer, Southwest Florida Water Management District, dated July 20, 2007 regarding Sumter County Landfill – Composite Drainage Permit Application Withdrawal.

bb. Letter from Jacqueline J. Byers, National Association of Counties, dated July 20, 2007 regarding survey.

cc. Letter from Michael Arnold, Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council, dated July 31, 2007 regarding notice of completion of annual verification of hazardous waste management practices.

dd. Letter from Tom and Debbie Howard to all Commissioners received August 3, 2007 regarding appreciation to the Planning and Development Division.

ee. Letter from Esrone McDaniels, Department of Community Affairs, dated August 2, 2007 regarding Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant 2007 Application.

ff. Letter from Diane Culpepper, Bright House Networks, dated July 31, 2007 regarding Digital Phone Service.

gg. Memo from Jerry McDaniel, Director, Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, to Bradley Arnold, County Administrator, dated June 29, 2007 regarding Plan of Action to Address Fiscal Year 2007-08 Projection Shortfall.

hh. Memoranda from Sumter County residents dated July 10, 2007 through August 1, 2007 regarding golf cart access to Buenos Aires Professional Plaza.

ii. Memoranda from County Administrator to all Commissioners dated July 5 2007 through August 9, 2007.

- h. Letter from Jack Bratton to Bradley Arnold, County Administrator, dated July 9, 2007 requesting information.
- i. Memo from Michael Arnold, Local Emergency Planning Committee, dated July 6, 2007 regarding meeting on July 18, 2007.
- j. Letter from Larry Gift to Bradley Arnold, County Administrator, dated July 5, 2007 regarding Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule.
- k. Letter from James Anderson, Behavioral Interventions, to Sandra Howell, County Administrator, dated June 28, 2007 regarding jail overcrowding.
- l. Letters from citizens to all Commissioners dated June 25, 2007 through July 13, 2007 regarding golf cart access to Buenos Aires Professional Plaza.
- m. Letter from Jean Lamb, Progress Energy, to all Commissioners dated June 19, 2007 regarding hurricane season.
- n. Letter from Connie Webb, Deputy Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, to Janet Tutt, District Manager, dated July 11, 2007 regarding Right-of-Way Maintenance Agreements, VCDD No. 1, 2, and 3.
- o. Letter from Fred Seamon, MGT of America, Inc. to Sandra Howell, County Administrator, dated June 29, 2007, outlining the services offered by MGT of America, Inc.
- p. Letter from Tommy Hurst, Public Works Director, to Peter Trematerra, President of Parkwood, regarding CR 101 north of Woodridge Drive.
- q. Letter from Vivian Arenas, de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A., to Tommy Hurst, Public Works Director, dated July 13, 2007 regarding Presuit Offer Letters for County Road 468 Improvement Project.
- r. Letter from Pete Ellis, Salient Corporation, to Sandra Howell, County Administrator, dated July 5, 2007 regarding upcoming conference.
- s. Letter from Bradley Arnold, County Administrator, to Janet Tutt, VCCDD District Manager, dated July 11, 2007 regarding removal of the "No Carts Beyond This Point" signs on the south side of Buenos Aires Boulevard between El Camino Real and US 27/441.
- t. Letter from Debra Webster, Southwest Florida Water Management District, to Commissioner Francis dated July 9, 2007 regarding request for application noticing - receipt of water use permit applications.
- u. Letter from Joseph Jacobs, City of Wildwood, dated July 10, 2007, regarding Ordinance No. 544 and Ordinance No. 545.
- v. Letter from Pete Wahl, Sumter Landing Community Development District, dated July 13, 2007 regarding proposed budget for fiscal year 2007/2008.
- w. Letter from Janet Tutt, Village Center Community Development District, dated July 6, 2007 regarding proposed budget for fiscal year 2007/2008.
- x. Letter from Janet Tutt, Village Community Development District No. 1, dated July 13, 2007 regarding proposed budget for fiscal year 2007/2008.

- h. Letter from Jack Bratton to Bradley Arnold, County Administrator, dated July 9, 2007 requesting information.
- i. Memo from Michael Arnold, Local Emergency Planning Committee, dated July 6, 2007 regarding meeting on July 18, 2007.
- j. Letter from Larry Gift to Bradley Arnold, County Administrator, dated July 5, 2007 regarding Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule.
- k. Letter from James Anderson, Behavioral Interventions, to Sandra Howell, County Administrator, dated June 28, 2007 regarding jail overcrowding.
- l. Letters from citizens to all Commissioners dated June 25, 2007 through July 13, 2007 regarding golf cart access to Buenos Aires Professional Plaza.
- m. Letter from Jean Lamb, Progress Energy, to all Commissioners dated June 19, 2007 regarding hurricane season.
- n. Letter from Connie Webb, Deputy Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, to Janet Tutt, District Manager, dated July 11, 2007 regarding Right-of-Way Maintenance Agreements, VCDD No. 1, 2, and 3.
- o. Letter from Fred Seamon, MGT of America, Inc. to Sandra Howell, County Administrator, dated June 29, 2007, outlining the services offered by MGT of America, Inc.
- p. Letter from Tommy Hurst, Public Works Director, to Peter Trematerra, President of Parkwood, regarding CR 101 north of Woodridge Drive.
- q. Letter from Vivian Arenas, de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A., to Tommy Hurst, Public Works Director, dated July 13, 2007 regarding Presuit Offer Letters for County Road 468 Improvement Project.
- r. Letter from Pete Ellis, Salient Corporation, to Sandra Howell, County Administrator, dated July 5, 2007 regarding upcoming conference.
- s. Letter from Bradley Arnold, County Administrator, to Janet Tutt, VCCDD District Manager, dated July 11, 2007 regarding removal of the "No Carts Beyond This Point" signs on the south side of Buenos Aires Boulevard between El Camino Real and US 27/441.
- t. Letter from Debra Webster, Southwest Florida Water Management District, to Commissioner Francis dated July 9, 2007 regarding request for application noticing - receipt of water use permit applications.
- u. Letter from Joseph Jacobs, City of Wildwood, dated July 10, 2007, regarding Ordinance No. 544 and Ordinance No. 545.
- v. Letter from Pete Wahl, Sumter Landing Community Development District, dated July 13, 2007 regarding proposed budget for fiscal year 2007/2008.
- w. Letter from Janet Tutt, Village Center Community Development District, dated July 6, 2007 regarding proposed budget for fiscal year 2007/2008.
- x. Letter from Janet Tutt, Village Community Development District No. 1, dated July 13, 2007 regarding proposed budget for fiscal year 2007/2008.

- b. Letter from George Green to Commissioner Francis dated July 10, 2007 regarding new project proposals, CP-A2007-0001, 0002, and 0003.
- c. Letter from Vivian Arenas, de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A., to Bradley Arnold, County Administrator, dated June 27, 2007 regarding Agreement for Professional Consulting Services for CR 468 and the Florida Turnpike Project.
- d. Letter from Susan Kelly, County Extension Director, to all Commissioners, dated June 25, 2007 regarding Sumter County Extension faculty publication.
- e. Letter from Vivian Arenas, de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A., to Stephen Sewell, Registered Agent for Grace Tabernacle of Worship, Inc., dated June 25, 2007 regarding CR 468 Improvement Project Presuit Offer for Parcel No. 103. Letter from Vivian Arenas, de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A., to Bobby and Carolyn Hunt dated June 25, 2007 regarding CR 468 Improvement Project Presuit Offer for Parcel Nos. 102A, 102B and 102C. Letter from Vivian Arenas, de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A., to Erick D. Langenbrunner, Registered Agent for Mid-Florida Properties, LLC, dated June 25, 2007 regarding CR 468 Improvement Project Presuit Offer for Parcel Nos. 101A and 101B. Letter from Vivian Arenas, de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A., to Steven M. Roy, Registered Agent for The Villages of Lake-Sumter, Inc., dated June 25, 2007 regarding CR 468 Improvement Project Presuit Offer for Parcel No. 100.
- f. Letter from Douglas Conway to Richard W. Henning, Manager, Boulder II Inc., dated June 22, 2007 regarding Winn-Dixie Renovation Roof Warranty.
- g. Letter from Douglas Conway to Terry Potter, Project Manager, Ajax Construction, Inc., dated June 22, 2007 regarding Animal Control Facility cost estimate.
- h. Letter from Ralph Strange to all Commissioners dated June 25, 2007 regarding free field test of fuel borne product.
- i. The Haven Herald – Haven of Lake and Sumter Counties – June 15, 2007.
- j. Letters from concerned citizens dated June 11, 2007 through June 21, 2007 regarding golf cart access to Buenos Aires Professional Plaza.
- k. Village Community Development District No. 2 minutes of meeting held on May 25, 2007.
- l. Village Community Development District No. 2 minutes of meeting held on May 29, 2007.
- m. Village Community Development District No. 7 minutes of meeting held on May 18, 2007.
- n. Letter from Janet Tutt, Village Community Development District No. 2, dated June 22, 2007 regarding proposed budget for fiscal year 2007-2008.
- o. Letter from Clayton Wilder, Office of Criminal Justice Grants, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, regarding Grant Adjustment Notice for the Sumter County Drug Task Force II Project, Grant Number: 2007-JAGC-SUMT-1-P3-168.
- p. Memo from Linda Reeves, Florida Department of Protection, dated June 20, 2007 regarding Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program for fiscal year 2007-2008.

Commissioner Hoffman moved, with a second by Commissioner Mask, to approve Option 3 "The canal cleaning described in the original agreement as Amended PLUS the 13 canals approved by the Board April 24, 2007 PLUS the additional attainable footage presented in Attachment 2. Funding Shortfall of (\$433,461) requiring Board's approval of the Budget Amendment", approve the Budget Amendment, and not entertain any further issues on this matter. The motion carried 4-1 with Chairman Francis voting nay. (071007-31)

3. **Golf Cart Access request to commercial properties along the north and south side of Buenos Aires Boulevard in The Villages.**

Commissioner Hoffman moved, with a second by Commissioner Gilpin, to approve Option 2 "Request the VCDD District 1 to remove the existing cart probation (sic) signage along the south side of Buenos Aires Boulevard." The motion carried unanimously. (071007-32)

4. Designate LSCC-TV to broadcast on an educational channel provided by Bright House Networks.

5. Authorize purchase of two Iteris Video Tracks to replace Peeks at C-466 and CR 103 intersection and El Camino Real and Botello Avenue. (071007-33)

6. Request to allow for disposal of surplus equipment through invitation to bid process. (071007-34)

7. Set policy for County Maintained "C" Roads south of C-466 in The Villages Districts 5, 6, and 7.

Commissioner Breeden moved, with a second by Commissioner Mask, to table this item until the July 24th meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Roadway Acceptance for The Villages District Community Development District 5. (071007-35)

9. Right-of-Way Maintenance Agreements for Villages Community Development Districts 1, 2, and 3. (071007-36)

10. Village Community Development District Agreement to make modifications to Sumter County Fire Station. (071007-37)

11. Consider options on use of County Property used by Mid-Florida Community Action Agency for Headstart Programs. Staff recommends Option 2, "Transfer eight lots to Kennedy Complex Cooperative, the property holding corporation for Mid-Florida Community Action Agency, for the purpose of providing community programs for citizens of Sumter County. Include a reverter clause where the property will come back to the County if the property is no longer used for community programs." (071007-38)

12. Amend policies regarding waiver of building permit and zoning fees and establish ending date for February 2, 2007 Tornado Damages for waiving. (071007-39)

i. Letter from Sandra Howell, County Administrator, to Judd Wright, Interim Emergency Management Director, dated May 30, 2007 regarding emergency evacuation route.

j. Letter from Susan Goldfuss, Lake Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization, dated May 25, 2007 regarding Sumter County Road 470.

k. Letter from citizens dated May 21, 2007 and May 24, 2007 regarding medial offices in Buenos Aires Professional Plaza.

l. Letter from Clayton Wilder, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, dated May 4, 2007 regarding (RSAT) Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program.

m. Resolution from the City of Webster regarding tabling discussion of MSTU dated May 17, 2007. [061207-14]

n. Letter from Katherine Dustin, South Sumter Middle School, dated May 21, 2007 regarding Ag/Exposition Center.

o. Letter from Mike Thomas, Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency, dated April 17, 2007 regarding publication of Best Management Practices for the Enhancement of Environmental Quality.

p. Letter from Robert Smith, City of Wildwood, dated May 21, 2007 regarding annexation of parcels K25=001, K36=001, Q01=001, Q01=-10 and D07=037.

q. Letter from Susan Lancto to all Commissioners dated May 21, 2007 regarding Animal Control.

r. Letter from Jon R. Thogmartin, District 6 Medical Examiner, dated June 5, 2007 regarding proposal to facilitate and reorganization of the District 5 Medical Examiner Office.

s. Memo from Ronnie Hawkins, Property Appraiser, to Sumter County Taxing Authority dated May 31, 2007 regarding Estimate of 2007 Taxable Values. [061207-15]

t. Memo from Ilene Lieberman to all Commissioners dated May 29, 2007 regarding Small County Coalition.

u. Memo from Allan Johnson to all Commissioners dated May 25, 2007 regarding jail privatization.

v. Memo from Tony DePasqual to all Commissioners dated May 25, 2007 regarding traffic.

w. Memo from Joe Cabana to all Commissioners dated May 31, 2007 regarding Aqua Utilities Florida Inc.

x. Memo from Sam Reyka to all Commissioners dated June 1, 2007 regarding tree removal.

y. Memo from Ed Metz to all Commissioners dated June 2, 2007 regarding golf cart issues.

z. Memos from Sandra Howell, County Administrator, dated May 24, 2007 through June 1, 2007.

aa. Village Community Development District No. 2 minutes of meeting held on April 18, 2007.

currently in Hurricane Season. Mr. Arnold advised that they will contact the electrical contractors that submitted proposals on the Eckerd's Electrical Work as well as re-advertise.

14. Purchase of two (2) Modular Fire Stations, #12-Webster and #33-Coleman for a cost of \$104,492 (\$52,296 each). Funds are available in FY 05/06 Budget. **Discussion:** Chairman Chandler questioned purchasing the Coleman unit before land has been acquired for the new station. Mr. Arnold advised that they are pursuing the property for the Coleman Station as previously recommended by the Board. Should the property not be acquired the modular unit will be placed at the Shady Brook Park. (062006-17)

15. C-475/Main Street Sidewalk Options. **Discussion:** The consensus is to proceed with Option III, which is: Proceed with project outside of the grant; earth and drainage work to be performed by Public Works; form and concrete work to be performed by contractor; county obligation is \$62,000. Attorney Thornton informed the Board that all of the right-of-way property was donated by the property owners. (062006-18)

16. Allow Byron Swearingen to cross County-owned parcel T16A001 as long as the parcel is owned by Sumter County. There will be no permanent easement. **Discussion:** Commissioner Hoffman inquired about the possibility of selling some these county-owned properties. Mr. Arnold advised that they are looking into the intended purpose for these properties. Attorney Thornton advised that there are some parcels in the County's inventory that were acquired through the El Nino Grant that can never be used for building and are to be retained because of flooding purposes. The decision was to grant a license to Swearingen. (062006-19)

17. Appraisal form for use in evaluating County Administrator. The Board's consensus is to use the form from Lake County. (062006-20)

18. Golf Cart Cross for Buenos Aires and El Camino Real. **This item is being tabled at the request of Commissioner Hoffman.**

19. Golf Cart Crossing for El Camino Real and Enrique. **Discussion:** The following individuals spoke regarding this matter: Mr. Ed Now and Mr. Carl Bell both spoke in favor of the crossing. It is the consensus of the Board to approve Option #3 which is a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners in Sumter County, Florida, authorizing a golf cart crossing at the intersection of Enrique Drive and El Camino Real, The Villages. (062006-21)

20. Proceed with negotiation of contract with M.C. of Florida, Inc. for Design Build Services at the "Old Wal-Mart" Building. Proposals were received in a timely manner from the following construction companies:

9. Ms Howell discussed an updated version of the Lease Agreement in Agenda Item d.4.

10. Ms. Howell advised that Magnolia Manor was disconnected today. Staff will be working the Florida Rural Water Association to abandon the two wells. Attorney Thornton discussed the building on the corner in the triangle. He advised that Transportation Trust Funds were used to purchase this property with the anticipation of cleaning up that intersection in the future.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – No report.

CLERK OF COURT – No report.

BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Hoffman discussed the possibility of considering an ordinance to allow golf carts to cross at the intersection of El Camino Real and Buenos Aires Boulevard in order to access the gas station at US 441 and Buenos Aires Boulevard which is in Sumter County. He would also like for the Board to consider allowing golf carts to cross at the intersection of El Camino Real and Enrique Boulevard. Ms. Howell will have Tommy Hurst, Public Works Director, look into the matter for discussion at the next regular meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Ron Durham addressed the Board about his letter of May 3, 2006 to Mr. Arnold regarding restricting air boat operation on Lake Miona to the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. He would like to Board to consider an ordinance to adopt these hours of operation. After discussion by the Board, Attorney Thornton was requested to research and bring back possible options to the Board at the next regular meeting. No action was taken.

Keith Allen inquired about the location of a 1962 Studebaker truck that is assigned to Fire Services. Ms. Howell advised Mr. Allen to contact her office tomorrow morning and they would assist him with this matter. Mr. Allen also inquired about the availability of the Fire Assessment Methodology Report for review. Ms. Howell responded that there had been a miscommunication between departments and apologized for this. Mr. Allen advised that a copy had been provided to him at the current meeting.

Tom Poss advised that some individuals had distributed over 200 cards requesting the Board to act as soon as possible to complete the South Sumter Sports Complex for the good of the youth. Mr. Poss presented completed cards to the Clerk for inclusion in the permanent record.

Bernie O'Donnell addressed the Board regarding golf cart safety in Spanish Springs. He feels that the current golf cart paths are too narrow to accommodate two vehicles passing and would like to see the width of the golf cart paths increased.

COURTHOUSE – COUNTY PROPERTY – CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS

Mr. Roberts moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an addendum to the Janitorial Services Agreement to include the Animal Control Office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox and carried. (011304-08)

COUNTY PROPERTY – INVENTORY

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the following inventory matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox and carried. (011304-09)

RELIEF

Mr. Roberts moved to approve payment, under the Health Care Responsibility Act, the amount of \$2,551.73 to Lifestream Behavioral Center for Kjersta Huntman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox and carried.

JAIL – AGENCIES, STATE – LICENSE & PERMITS

Correspondence from DEP stating that the Sumter County Correctional WWTF is now considered abandoned and the Domestic Wastewater Permit Fla 013496 has been deactivated, noted.

AGENCIES, STATE – ROADS, COUNTY

Mr. Roberts moved to authorize the Chairman to execute the Department of Transportation traffic signal operation change order which will add protected-permissive left turn phases at 136th Avenue/Buenos Aires Blvd and US 441. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chandler and carried. (011304-10)

ROADS, COUNTY – CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS

Mr. Roberts moved to approve a request to plant shrubs and plants in the median at Wildwood Estates and authorize Attorney Thornton to prepare a hold harmless agreement for same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox and carried.

CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS – COUNTY PROPERTY

Mr. Chandler moved to contract with Cares Center for potable water service to Solid Waste, Animal Control, and Force, in the amount of \$4,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox and carried.

ROADS, COUNTY

Mr. Chandler moved to authorize Florida Dredge to install a sixteen inch dredge discharge pipe down CR490 to C-470, Under C-470 with a directional bore using steel casing, then a direct bury to CR489, and direct bury from CR489 onto ACMS property. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried.



12/15/2010

Sumter County Commissioners
Sumter County Office
North Main Street
Bushnell, FL 33513

Dear Sirs:

I would like to express my opinion regarding the cart use of Buenos Aires Blvd. The action you took regarding the use of Buenos Aires Blvd by crossing El Camino Real make no sense and causes confusion to cart operators as well as motor vehicle operators.

Furthermore, you have now denied access to the Shell Station which is the closest place to fill up our gas carts for those of us who live in the Villages of Santo Domingo and Santiago.

What was wrong with the old arrangement? You could cross under El Camino Real through the existing tunnel, cross behind the Publix Store, where you can have access to drive straight across Buenos Aires to the doctor's offices or you can go to Bella Cruz Drive and cross Buenos Aires Blvd to the gas station.

This arrangement was practical and worked well for all concerned until you as Commissioners, denied the recommendation of the VCDD and their consultants, and decided that you knew what was best for the Villages.

I certainly hope, in your January meeting, you will realize this mistake and take the necessary action to change things back to what they were for the convenience of all of us concerned.

Sincerely;

Colin T. Cameron
1117 Saldivar Road
The Villages, FL 32159

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